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Israel bankrolling secret Arafat fund

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAEL has transferred close to NIS 200 million over the last two years to a Tel Aviv bank account, which has been designated mainly for Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's discretionary spending, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned from non-Israeli and Israeli officials.

The money, which has been nicknamed by some as "Fund B" or "the slush fund," consists of gasoline taxes which Israel is supposed to rebate to the PA as revenue for its operating budget.

Officials say a signatory on the account, at a Tel Aviv Bank Leumi branch , is Khalid Salaam, Arafat's financial adviser. Salaam also goes by the name of Mohammed Rashid. There is another Palestinian signatory, but the name is unknown.

"It is known what amounts go into the Tel Aviv Bank Leumi account, but we just do not know what amounts go out and for what purpose," an official told the *Post*. "Apparently, there is a slice of the money that is supposed to and perhaps does make its way for the PA budget. Yet the fund is for Arafat's use and there is no question that the account operates outside of the framework of Palestinian Authority accountability."

There has been speculation that Arafat utilized some of the funds to buy off political opponents – including Islamic elements – but this cannot be confirmed. Nobody has charged so far that Arafat personally pockets any money. The gasoline tax money is formally listed on PA budgets and projections drawn up for donor countries as PA revenue.

The PA could not be reached for a comment.

Meanwhile, when asked how long this payment policy to the Tel Aviv account will continue, an official in the Prime Minister's Office said, "This matter is now being closely examined by the government and it will take appropriate action once all the details are uncovered."

During 1995 alone, sources confirmed that the Finance Ministry transferred NIS 101 million to the Bank Leumi account. It is estimated by officials that an equivalent amount was transferred to the account during the second half of 1994 and during the first seven months of 1996.

When asked to comment yesterday, a Bank Leumi spokeswoman said the bank has a policy against divulging the names of account holders and their signatories.

The Bank Leumi account was opened shortly after Israel agreed to give the PA some of the taxes collected from Palestinians in the Israeli-Palestinian economic accord signed in Paris in April 1994.

Shortly thereafter, Arafat wrote a formal letter to the Finance Ministry asking that money from gasoline taxes be transferred to a Bank Leumi account in Tel Aviv and not transferred to regular PA accounts in Gaza.

Israel complied with the request, yet it remains unclear whether then-premier Yitzhak Rabin or then-foreign minister Shimon Peres okayed the move.

The two dozen countries which provide funding to the PA also know about this account. In fact, sources say, the donors wrote a formal letter to Arafat in April 1995 and asked him to "consolidate" the account into regular PA accounts, which are scrutinized by the international community.

The existence of the account is also said to be known to US congressman Ben Gillman, head of the House International Affairs Committee, who is said to be waiting for an explanation of how the money in this account is being spent before he releases the $10 million in US aid that he has been holding up since last fall.

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Attempts to set up PM-Arafat meeting stalled

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

ISRAEL and the Palestinian Authority traded proposals yesterday, seeking to break the impasse blocking a summit between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and PA chairman Yasser Arafat.

It remained unclear last night if the sticking points were related to the set of written understandings to advance the peace process, or tied to disagreements over what would be said in public statements by each leader after the planned meeting.

In an interview on Channel 1, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat charged that an agreement for a summit had indeed been reached Monday evening with Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold, but it unraveled when Netanyahu's attorney Yitzhak Molcho expressed misgivings about it during a meeting with Arafat in Gaza later that night.

Erekat's remarks would explain the early optimism Monday night that a Netanyahu-Arafat meeting was on the verge of being held. Erekat also insisted that Israel refused to publicly agree to honoring all past commitments, but this could not be confirmed.

The talks are bogged down in procedural as well as substantial matters, according to the Palestinians. "We reached an understanding yesterday with Dr. Gold and to our surprise at 8 p.m. yesterday, another representative from the Israeli government came to Mr. Arafat and said that Gold was not authorized to make agreements," Erekat said last night on Channel 1.

The TV said that the government demanded an enlargement of the Jewish enclave in Hebron and the expansion of joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols to Palestinian-controlled areas of the city. Palestinians say they want implementation of the 10-month-old agreement on Hebron implemented as is.

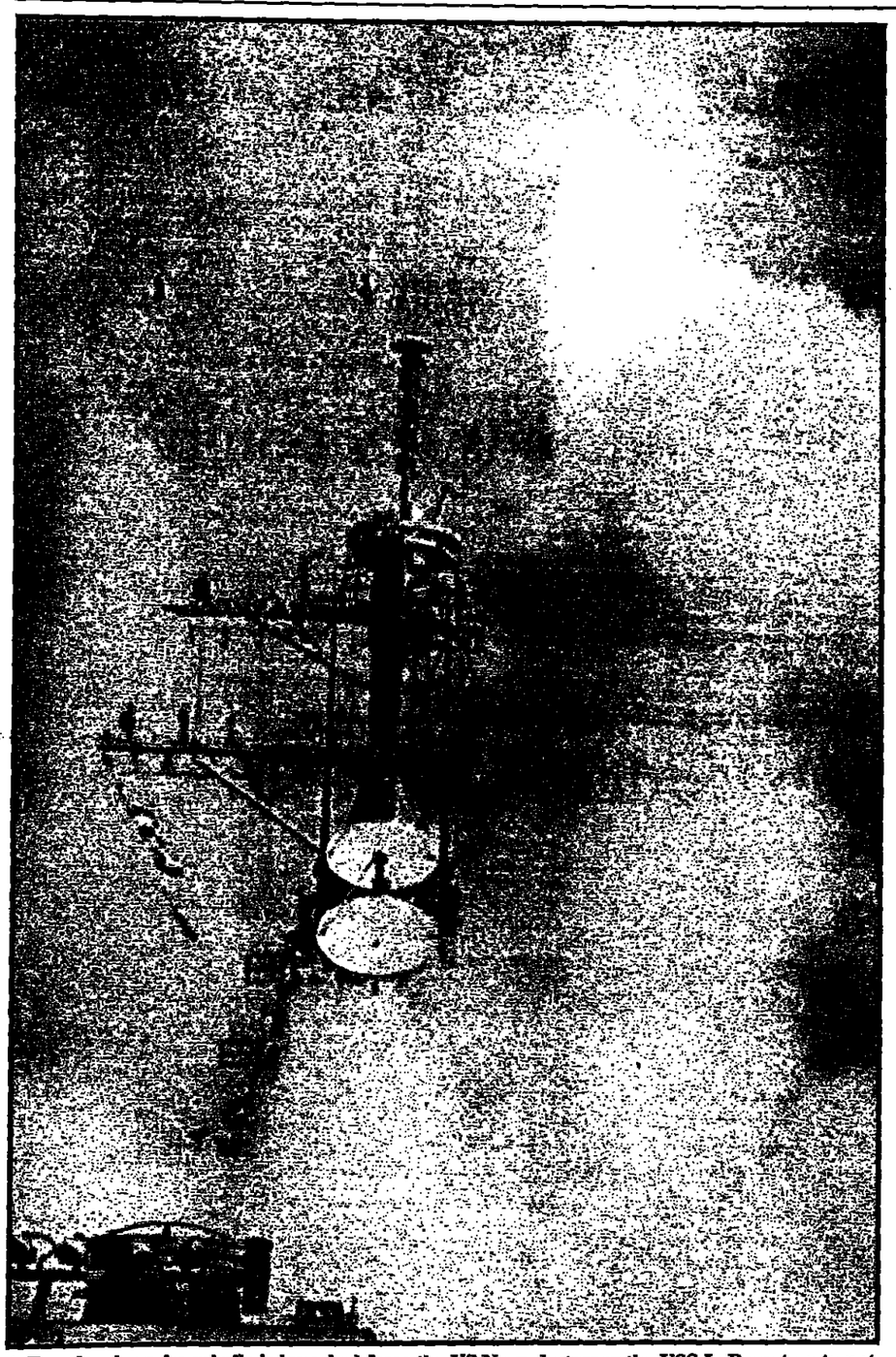
Earlier on Monday, Erekat and Gold were ironing out their differences in talks held at the Laromme Hotel in Jerusalem in the presence of UN Coordinator for the Territories and Norwegian mediator Terje Larsen and his wife and Norwegian diplomat, Mona Juul.

Larsen and Juul shuttled from Arafat's office on Monday night, staying after the Molcho meeting, to the Prime Minister's Office Tuesday morning as proposals were being traded back and forth by intermediaries to break the impasse. No Israeli-Palestinian sessions were actually held yesterday, as the trading of proposals continued into the evening.

The Norwegian duo remained in constant touch with US Special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross and US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk, as sources said "contacts are so close you could call it a Norwegian-American partnership."

Leading Labor MK Ehud Barak said last night that it was pointless for Netanyahu to wait until there was an agreed upon text to meet Arafat, but rather he should meet with him immediately since he is Israel's partner in peace.

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A Tomahawk cruise missile is launched from the US Navy destroyer the USS LaBoon to a target deep inside Iraq yesterday. (Reuter)

Defiant Saddam vows to down allied planes

HILLEL KUTTLER, Jerusalem Post Staff, and news agencies

WITH missile strikes and an expanded no-fly zone, the United States tried yesterday to force Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's army out of the Kurdish safe areas. But fresh fighting in the north and a defiant response from Saddam suggested the confrontation would escalate.

Americans warships and planes fired 27 cruise missiles at military targets in southern Iraq, killing five people, according to both Iraqi and US officials.

It was in response to what Washington said was a "clear and present danger" posed by Baghdad to the Gulf region and its flow of oil.

Possibly anticipating adverse international reaction to the unilateral US strikes, both President Bill Clinton and Defense Secretary William Perry cast the action as a defense of global security interests and said the US reserved the right to hit Iraq again if necessary.

The Clinton administration's top officials said yesterday that the US's actions against Iraq in the past two days have reduced Hussein's ability to strike against his own people or neighboring countries.

"We must make it clear that reckless acts have consequences, or those acts will increase," Clinton said. "We must reduce Iraq's ability to strike out at its neighbors and we must increase America's ability to contain Iraq over the long run."

"Our objectives are limited but clear: to make Saddam pay a price for the latest act of brutality, reducing his ability to threaten his neighbors and America's interests," Clinton said in a prepared statement.

Hours after Clinton announced he had authorized expanding the size of the Iraqi no-fly zone, Perry told reporters the move was taken, in part, out of concern that Iraq's southern neighbors were potential targets.

"We still see that as the principal threat," Perry said at the Pentagon. "And our concern is that if Saddam Hussein is emboldened by what he would see as a success in the north, he might strike out in areas which are of greater strategic importance to him as well as to us in the south. So we want to keep our focus on where our vital national security interests are."

Perry also said the US has had "extensive consultations" with its Middle East allies, "especially with Saudi Arabia," and that they support the extension of the southern no-fly zone.

Clinton announced the extension of the southern no-fly zone north to the 33rd parallel, which he said would "significantly restrict" Saddam's offensive capabilities against its neighbors.

He also announced the US would no longer allow the limited sale of Iraqi oil for humanitarian purposes because of the difficulty now in stationing UN monitors in Iraq.

"Until we are sure these humanitarian supplies can actually get to those who need them, the plan cannot go forward, and the Iraqi government will be denied the new resources it had been expecting," he said.

Perry said that US intelligence more than a week ago detected Iraq's military buildup near the Kurdish areas in the north. The US warned Iraq last Wednesday not to take any military action but it ignored the warning and sent about 40,000 troops, "including many tanks and hundreds of artillery pieces" into Irbil, Perry said.

He said Clinton ordered him last week to draw up contingency plans to counter Iraq's offensive moves in the north, at which time Secretary of State Warren Christopher sent diplomatic messages to Saddam warning against proceeding.

The assault set off air raid sirens in the capital of Baghdad and prompted Saddam to announce that he would no longer honor the no-fly zones that bar his warplanes from the skies of northern and southern Iraq.

"From now on, pay no attention to damned imaginary no-fly zones," Saddam told his armed forces. "Depend only on God, and hit hard and professionally at any flying target that belongs to the allied aggressors that penetrates the airspace of your beloved and glorious homeland."

US, British and French warplanes fly dozens of missions over southern and northern Iraq every day to enforce the no-fly zones, which now cover roughly half of Iraqi territory and reach the southern suburbs of Baghdad.

The cruise missile strikes brought a mixed reaction across the globe with strong support from allies Britain and Germany, a lukewarm response from Arab and other US allies, condemnation by Moscow, concern in Cairo and Amman, and reservations from France and Spain.

British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said, "We strongly support the action that has been taken by the US against Iraq."

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said the action was "an appropriate and justified" response to Iraqi military attacks against the Kurds.

France, one of the 1991 Gulf War allies, pointedly withheld support for Washington, saying Baghdad had not breached UN resolutions by sending its troops into the Kurdish areas of northern Iraq. Foreign Minister Herve de Charette said Paris had been "informed of the American actions" but refrained from endorsing them.

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Netanyahu: There is no reason to fear Iraq conflict will affect Israel

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISRAEL'S leaders yesterday urged the public to stay calm, and said the American attack on Iraq is not likely to lead to any Scud reprisals against Israel.

The message from the defense establishment is that the gas masks don't have to be pulled out of the attic, and that the IDF is prepared to meet any possible scenario.

Shortly after the attack began yesterday morning, US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk briefed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu – and later Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai – on the firing of 27 cruise missiles at military targets in southern Iraq.

"We've no special signs that point to any special problem from the standpoint of Israel and so there is no reason for making any special preparations from a public standpoint," Netanyahu said following a meeting with German Defense Minister Volker Ruhe.

"We are following the events. We are in close contact with the United States government and should there be a need for any kind of action, we'll take it," Netanyahu said.

Indyk also briefed Foreign Minister David Levy on the events.

"We explained exactly why Saddam's aggressive behavior needed to be responded to in a clear-cut manner and [Levy] expressed understanding and support," Indyk told reporters.

"Israel supports the US steps in light of the Iraqi violations," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement released yesterday. "Israel is aware of the inherent dangers in the policy and steps taken by Saddam Hussein, and aware of the importance of an unequivocal international response to Saddam Hussein, aimed at getting him to halt his aggressive policy and threats.

"Israel is the only country in the region directly threatened by Iraq."

Yesterday afternoon, Indyk, together with the US Embassy's political secretary and military attache, briefed Mordechai at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv.

"He detailed the targets attacked and they both exchanged assessments of the situation. The minister of defense and the ambassador agreed that there be a joint monitoring of the situation and a reciprocal updating between the US and Israel," a statement from Mordechai's office reads.

Israel is to have direct access to American satellite systems during emergency situations and every warning of a missile attack will be sent directly to the IDF's General Staff, Itim reported.

The arrangement would provide an instantaneous warning, instead of taking a few minutes. This agreement was reached during Netanyahu's recent visit to Washington, Itim said.

US embassy sources said the meeting took place on directives from President Bill Clinton and was repeated in capitals throughout the region. The sources declined to elaborate on intelligence exchanges, but noted that the meeting was the first between Mordechai and the new American defense attache.

"There was nothing in the briefing that indicated that Israel was a target," one US source said.

Mordechai said Indyk has been in continuous contact with his office.

"We are closely following events there and have taken the necessary operational steps. To the best of my judgment, the State of Israel should and can continue life as normal," Mordechai said. "The reports we have received are very satisfying."

Military officials said that it was not reasonable that Iraq would attack Israel since there is not the same large-scale scenario of Desert Storm, in which Saddam Hussein fired 39 Scud missiles at Israel in an effort to draw it into the war and break up the American-led coalition.

Air Force commander Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu described the corps' readiness as "poised."

"The Air Force operates, in its ongoing alert, in a way that prepares exactly for these sorts of instances, for possible surprises. Today's situation doesn't affect us. After all, it is pretty far from here. It is a local incident in Iraq and I hope it ends that way," Ben-Eliyahu told reporters as he escorted Ruhe through an air force base in the Negev.

"What we have to do is follow developments. We have enough time to examine signals if it is developing into something that concerns us. At this stage, it does not concern us," Ben-Eliyahu said.

But former senior IDF officers dismissed the possibility of a Scud attack. Former Head of Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy, who has closely monitored Iraq in the past, said there was a low probability Saddam could fire Scuds even if he wanted to.

"The Iraqis won't fire missiles at Israeli territory. The Iraqi capability to do so is very limited, if it exists at all," Saguy said.

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Avihu Bin-Nun, head of the Air Force during the 1991 Gulf war, said he believes that international supervision of Iraq does not allow it much room for maneuvering for an attack on Israel.

"Iraq wouldn't dare fire missiles because the United Nations still is circulating around Iraq and if they do have missiles they are separated into hundreds of parts in various places and not into some system which can fire missiles," Bin-Nun told Army Radio.

Hanegbi appointed acting justice minister

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday appointed Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi acting justice minister.

Hanegbi will be substituting for Ya'acov Ne'eman, who recently voluntarily stepped down when the attorney-general decided to investigate him on suspicion of obstructing justice.

The fact that Hanegbi will serve as acting minister indicates that Netanyahu has still not given up on the idea of Ne'eman eventually returning to the office. Hanegbi will also retain his Health portfolio.

Hanegbi will be in the hot seat for Netanyahu tomorrow evening when the Likud Central Committee convenes. Hanegbi is acting committee chairman and will be in charge of the proceedings, which some expect to be stormy.

The official business will consist of proposals for the party convention, slated for the spring. This will be preceded by a membership poll and then by internal elections, procedures which are already adding to tension in the party.

Netanyahu is also expected to come under fire from ideological diehards for planning to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

This chorus of criticism will be led by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin. Added to this will be the frustration of local functionaries, who

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Amatzia Baram says Saddam met his goals

DAVID RUDGE

IRAQI President Saddam Hussein has scored a major victory in the eyes of his military power base and is likely to rest on his laurels for the time being, Prof. Amatzia Baram, a leading expert on Iraq, said last night.

Baram, head of Haifa University's Middle East History Department, said it was still unlikely that Saddam would threaten Israel at this stage, although the possibility could not be ruled out in the long run.

"Unlike in the Gulf war, when I predicted a few days before that he would use his missiles against Israel, there is no political sense at this stage in Saddam making threats," Baram said.

"He would have to be really desperate and on the verge of collapse before making such a decision, and I don't see that yet. If he does make threats, however, he would certainly implement them and he does retain the means to carry them out."

According to UN estimates, Iraq still has between six to 16 Scud missiles, including some with chemical and biological warheads.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he has as many as 20 and the fact that he has them is in itself a threat," Baram said in a telephone interview from Washington.

"I believe he would keep this particular card up his sleeve and only use it at the last minute when there would be nothing to lose. That has not happened yet.

"I don't think we should panic or become too excited, although we should never underestimate Saddam," said Baram, who is doing research on the current situation in Iraq for the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Baram stressed that at the moment, Saddam had achieved his aims in capturing Irbil, the main city in the US-protected Kurdish "safe haven" in northern Iraq.

"Ultimately, he would like to recapture the whole of the region and return it to the Iraqi bosom. I think it likely, however, that he will wait for some time while he tries to assess the situation and the atmosphere in Washington before he decides on his next steps. It may take a few days or even a few weeks," Baram said.

Saddam's next step then, according to Baram, would be to try and take the stronghold of Sulaimaniya.

"It's 50-50 how he will react and what he will do next," Baram said.

"Simply by staying where he is, Saddam might be able to avert another US blow because he believes there is no clear indication from the speech of US President Bill Clinton of America's future intentions.

"If he has become big-headed, which he does sometimes, and believes that the response so far by the Americans has not been terribly powerful, he might try to press on straight away to Sulaimaniya.

"In my opinion, however, he is likely to rest on his laurels for a while. He wants to avoid provoking the Americans into a serious reaction and if he stays where he is the chances are, in his eyes, that the US will not do anything more."

Baram said that Saddam was motivated by the need to reassert himself as Iraq's leader in the minds and hearts of his military elite.

"He needs to show his officers that he is a man and a successful leader and they should not plot against him, because his officers have started plotting against him too much for his convenience," Baram said.

"He needs to give them success and so far, he has achieved a major victory. Irbil is in his hands. He was punished, but not very much, and its not clear that the Americans will do anything if he stays where he is.

"Therefore, I don't think he will move very fast. He doesn't care very much about the deprivations of the simple people. He needs to reassert his leadership in the eyes of his army, the Republican Guard, his officers and his tribe and so far he has done this.

"At the moment he is in need of prestige and he has been able to achieve that at the cost of losing the oil-for-food deal with the UN.

"This is less important in the short term compared to his need to be a successful leader. In the longer term he will need it, but he will probably get it anyway."



People rushed to distribution centers, such as this one at Jerusalem's Malha Mall, to get new gas masks yesterday after the US attack on Iraq. (Brian Hendler)

Crowds flood into gas mask stations

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE crowds at IDF gas mask distribution centers in the so-called Area A were so large that the Home Front Command instructed its soldiers to keep the stations open until they dealt with everyone who wanted to receive equipment.

But sources in the Home Front said the reason for the steady increase in those seeking to replace expired gas masks was more likely to have been caused by the government decision to end the program by the end of the year, than fears that Saddam Hussein may lob a few Scud missiles at Israel following yesterday's US cruise missile attack on Iraq.

Nevertheless, soldiers answering telephones at the Home Front's headquarters said they received dozens more calls than normal yesterday. At the Bavli neighborhood distribution center in Tel Aviv, some 40 people lined up in the first half hour of operation to change their outdated gas masks, instead of the usual five.

Just two weeks ago, OC Home Front Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad warned that one in three Israelis is without adequate shelter protection from surface-to-surface missiles and some 400,000 people had not yet bothered to collect their gas masks.

The government has decided to halt the maintenance program the Home Front runs next year in order to save NIS 120 million.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said that yesterday's attack showed that the decision to end the program was irresponsible.

PA minister condemns US bombing

JON IMMANUEL

THE former PLO ambassador to Iraq condemned the US attack on that country yesterday, saying it was "against international law."

Azem Ahmad, who is now the Palestinian Authority housing minister, said he spoke on behalf of the PA in saying Iraq had the right to act inside its own borders. He questioned why Turkey and Iran had the right to act against unruly Kurds within their borders while Iraq did not, despite Western support for Iraq's current borders.

However, while general sentiment was against the attack and no one voiced public support for it, there was no outpouring of indignation in the street.

This time, the Palestinians were also joined by most other Arab states, including Egypt, leader of the anti-Saddam Arab coalition. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, like most Palestinians, said he was more concerned about the suffering of the Iraqi people than the suffering of Saddam Hussein, whom many once hailed as a hero.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, whose support of Saddam Hussein during the Gulf war radically reduced the PLO's diplomatic weight, said nothing.

Arafat has spent the past four years mending his relations with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states which expelled Palestinians in the wake of his embrace of the Iraqi leader. Last night, Arafat attended national day celebrations for Qatar, one of the Gulf states most vulnerable to Saddam Hussein.

Missile strikes serve as message and clear way for more strikes, experts say

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE US cruise missile attack on select Iraqi targets not only served as a message to Saddam Hussein, but also paved the way for further strikes by taking out anti-aircraft sites, former air force commanders and pilots said yesterday.

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Avihu Bin-Nun, air force commander during the Gulf War, said the surface-to-air missile sites, radar installations and command-and-control installations targeted by 27 cruise missiles were likely chosen for their psychological effect. "From my assessment, the targets show that it is mainly a message. These were not strategic targets, but the easiest ones to attack," Bin-Nun told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Bin-Nun recalled a similar situation during the War of Attrition with Egypt. In an effort to get Egyptian president Gamal Nasser to halt the shelling of IDF positions along the canal, the IAF hit artillery targets around Cairo. Nasser realized that the IAF could strike anywhere and the incident ultimately led to a cease-fire with Israel, Bin-Nun said.

Bin-Nun believes that the tensions with Saddam will continue for a few more days, but that the Iraqi dictator has understood the message and will shortly move to obey, while trying to save face with his countrymen.

Brent Beecham, a former F-15 pilot in the US Air Force who participated in the Gulf War, said hitting anti-aircraft targets also opened the option of further air strikes.

"If you want to stage deeper attacks then the No. 1 thing is to take down their air defenses," he said.

He added that the cruise missiles, which cost about $1 million each, are highly accurate and carry a powerful 1,000 pound warhead. Using B-52s launched from a US base in Guam in the Pacific also sent a message that America didn't need to reach landing agreements with countries like Turkey and Saudi Arabia to strike at Iraq.

"The informal motto of the American air force is: Global reach, global power. This shows it has the capability of reaching out anytime, anywhere," Beecham said.



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US officials consulted Arab leaders before attacking Iraq

CAIRO (AP) – Top US military and diplomatic officials consulted with Arab leaders before yesterday's cruise missile strike on Iraq, but did not get universal support for military retaliation against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert Pelletreau, assistant secretary of state for Middle East affairs, met with officials in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt before returning to Washington Monday night.

On Monday, Shalikashvili got a Saudi pledge to cooperate in any measure to punish Iraq for its incursion into the Kurdish protected area, according to Saudi sources. Saudi Arabia hosted the US-led coalition that drove Iraq out of Kuwait in the Gulf war, and 5,000 US troops are based in the kingdom.

Jordan, however, did not offer help in any American strike and it was unclear what the Egyptian response was.

After the US officials met with King Hussein, Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Mouasher stressed that his country "will not be part of any effort that involves military operations" in Iraq.

"Jordan warns against such an escalation, calls for restraint and against resorting to violence, compliance with the resolutions of international legitimacy and to return to dialogue," Mouasher said.

The statement fell short of condemning the US missile attacks, but added that Jordan "rejects any effort aimed at undermining the sovereignty of Iraq and the unity of its territories and people."

Mouasher denied a CNN report that Jordan would allow US jet fighters to use the country as a base.

"This is totally and categorically untrue," he said, noting no such American request even was made.

Jordan allowed US jet fighters to be based in the kingdom in May to help enforce a "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq. But Mouasher said the current situation is different.

In Egypt – which was part of the US coalition against Iraq in the Gulf war – the US officials met with President Hosni Mubarak and Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa later said Egypt was "really disturbed and concerned" about the situation in Iraq.

"We hope the Iraqi people will be spared the rigors of the use of force and that the territorial integrity and political independence and the sovereignty of Iraq will be respected," he said.

The Arab League condemned the strike, calling it "an aggression against the sovereignty of an Arab state."

"The use of military force will only lead to a deterioration of the situation and tension and instability in the region," said Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the league's secretary-general.

ARAFAT

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Clinton administration officials reportedly strongly requested that Arafat consolidate this account with the regular PA accounts due to the need for proper accounting. They apparently feared that if not handled quickly, this issue could blow up into a media controversy.

The existence of this account recently came to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's attention, but so far there has been no authorization to halt the practice, apparently due to fears this could alienate Arafat. It remains unclear if the topic will be raised during a planned summit meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat.

It is also unclear whether this issue will be aired at the Washington donors meeting scheduled to discuss the estimated $90 million PA deficit tomorrow.

Under the Paris agreement of 1994, Israel agreed to rebate the PA money for taxes collected from Palestinians in the following categories: gasoline excise taxes; VAT; customs; income taxes; and health fees.

It is estimated that the government transferred the following amounts to PA accounts in Gaza last year: NIS 580 million in VAT taxes; approximately NIS 50 million in customs taxes; approximately NIS 30 million in health fees; and approximately NIS 15 million in income taxes.

HANEGBI

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complain that since Netanyahu has removed himself from daily activity at party headquarters in Metzudat Ze'ev he has become inaccessible.

To help correct that, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor Lieberman has begun meeting with Likud activists, and many of them have been contacted in the past few days and invited to meet with Netanyahu after Rosh Hashana.

Likud insiders assert that Netanyahu will be much better off, as far as internal Likud politics are concerned, if he does not meet with Arafat in the near future and certainly should appear before the central committee session before any such meeting takes place.

A precursor to the central committee session took place last night when the Likud secretariat met, offering disgruntled local party officials and activists the opportunity to air their grievances.

Secretariat Chairman MK Yehoshua Matza told them that "there is full awareness, so far as the prime minister is concerned, of the need to maintain closer contact between the Likud's representatives in government and the party members."

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If Netanyahu and Arafat do not meet by Sunday, it seems the summit would have to be delayed until after Rosh Hashana since the premier is making a quick trip to the US, where he will address a meeting of American Jewish activists in New York.

The Prime Minister's Office announced last night that on Monday, Netanyahu will meet President Bill Clinton, apparently in Washington. It remains unclear if the meeting is anything more than a courtesy visit while the Israeli leader is on American soil. There were concerns in the premier's office that if such a meeting was not scheduled, the local media would interpret it as a snub by Clinton, so a meeting was sought.

Officials are not sure if Netanyahu will meet Republican presidential challenger Bob Dole next week due to the candidate's campaign schedule, but note that Netanyahu will be seeing Republican vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp in New York.

Meanwhile, Arafat plans to fly to Rome today unless there are last-minute developments in the talks which would make a meeting with Netanyahu possible. This would be the last opportunity for a meeting before the donors' conference in Washington tomorrow.

Israel does not feel pressured to reach an agreement before the donors' conference. Gold said on Channel 1 yesterday that, "We want to help the Palestinians. It is an important goal for them. They have problems with their budget, not us. In my estimation that has to influence their judgements, not ours."

SADDAM

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A source in the Russian Foreign Ministry said the situation in the Gulf was "extremely dangerous." In the Arab world, only Kuwait gave full support to the US action, saying Iraq must be made to comply with international law. Egypt and Jordan expressed reservations and US ally Saudi Arabia maintained official silence. (More reactions, Pages 2 and 4)

Perry, at a Pentagon news briefing, said the issue went far beyond the need to stop an Iraqi attack into a northern Kurdish region that has been under allied protection.

"The issue is not simply the Iraqi attack on Irbil," he said. "It is the clear and present danger that Saddam Hussein poses to his neighbors, the security and stability of the region and the flow of oil to the world."

If that argument were accepted, the US action would take on the same mantle of international cause as the original effort to reverse Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Japan is the biggest importer of Gulf oil, followed by Europe and only then the US.

Clinton, reading a statement in the White House Oval Office, said the US would follow up the attack by expanding a no-fly zone in southern Iraq by one degree of latitude to further reduce the Iraqi military's room for movement in the direction of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

International investors responded by driving oil prices to their highest levels since the Gulf War and sending shivers through stock markets yesterday.

The US punishment on Iraq also came to the aid of gold and the dollar, often seen as safe financial havens at times of crisis.

But by the end of European trading, much of the market impact had faded and oil prices showed only small gains after investors cashed in some profits in the absence of an escalation of the confrontation.

Traders said there seemed no threat to Middle East oil supplies apart from the loss of expected Iraqi sales under the UN exchange deal for food and medicines.

"The fear is that Middle Eastern supplies might be disrupted [but] oil supply is not at significant risk at present," said brokerage Gerald and National Inter Commodities.

"It's the normal ebb and flow of an overnight story... it's very choppy," one oil broker said.

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Meretz MK Anat Maor (center) joins families demonstrating for improved housing and educational opportunities opposite the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Education Ministry probes 'school book' suicide

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE circumstances leading to the suicide on Monday night of a 12-year-old boy whose parents had not paid the fee for school books are being investigated by a committee the Education Ministry set up yesterday.

Meanwhile, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Eli Yishai yesterday ordered social workers in the Eshkol Regional Council, where the boy's family lives, to immediately meet with the family to learn more about its social and economic situation.

Yishai also ordered the social workers' findings sent to his office immediately. Yishai said he was shocked by the tragedy and would offer whatever assistance his ministry could provide to the family.

The boy, a resident of Moshav Yated in the Eshkol region, left a suicide note for his parents, asking: "Why couldn't you pay the education fee?"

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday sent "an unequivocal instruction to school principals to discuss education fees directly with parents and not to involve pupils," his spokesman said. "This personal appeal of the minister is in addition to standing orders not to deprive pupils of services because of lack of payments."

The boy's body was found on Monday night by his eight-year-old brother. He had used a long scarf belonging to his mother to hang himself. His brother's screams alerted neighbors, who called a doctor, but attempts to revive the boy failed. The boy's parents were visiting neighbors when the incident took place.

Earlier Monday, children at the Besor Regional School where the boy studied had apparently received their text and exercise books. However, the boy in question was reportedly told that since his parents had not paid the NIS 1,200 fee his books would be withheld. Other children in the class teased the boy, whose parents have had financial problems, according to an Israel Radio report.

But Eshkol regional council head Avraham Dagan yesterday denied that the books had been distributed.

"To the best of my knowledge, no books have ever been withheld from children who cannot pay; but we have to send messages via the children to remind the parents," he said. "No names were mentioned."

Teams of educational psychologists and social workers were brought to the Besor school early yesterday morning to help pupils cope with the trauma. Dagan said, in an interview with Educational TV, that many of the children had been unable to express their feelings in drawings or in writing, while others kept bursting into tears.

"The atmosphere in the school was very sad," he said.

The Israel Consumers' Association yesterday called on the ministry to set up lending libraries with free text books, "so as to make free education really free."

Meanwhile, Deputy Knesset Speaker Haim Dayan collected 30 signatures to table an urgent motion to the agenda calling for alternatives to be found to the education fee.

Technion scientists develop salmonella-fighter

JUDY SIEGEL

TECHNION scientists have developed a device that quickly produces large amounts of ozone gas to disinfect eggshells, thereby significantly reducing the danger of salmonella infection through uncooked or improperly cooked eggs. This advance was announced yesterday by the Haifa researchers and the heads of Health Eggs Ltd., a local company that purchased exclusive worldwide rights to the knowhow and will sell disinfected eggs on the local market.

The eggs, soon to be put on the market, will cost 98 agorot each, compared to 59 agorot for a conventional egg.

The Health Ministry's Food Service division has affirmed that the ozone-treated eggshell leaves the product safe for consumption, but it insisted that the company change the name of the product from Healthy Eggs to Ozone-Treated Eggs, and clearly add the world "Ltd." to the company's name so that it doesn't violate regulations barring food products from making health claims.

Food Service Division director Dr. Brian Coussin said that the process, while it greatly reduces the danger of salmonella infection via eggshells, does not completely eliminate the risk of uncooked or poorly cooked eggs as, in a minority of cases, the chicken may be infected with salmonella and pass it on directly to the egg inside the shell.

However, Prof. Shmuel Yannai, a toxicologist at the Technion's food engineering and biotechnology faculty who headed the research team, said that only one in 10,000 to 20,000 eggs is infected inside with salmonella. The most common danger is the presence on the eggshells of pathogens, which infect the egg when it is cracked open or when uncooked food is prepared on unclean kitchen surfaces.

Ozontech, a subsidiary of the Technion's "Entrepreneurial Incubator," sold the rights to Healthy Eggs Ltd.

Raphael Hatuka, Healthy Eggs Ltd.'s marketing director, noted that the relatively high price of the product is due not only to the expensive of the ozone process, but also its commitment to Ozontech that it would not sell any eggs whose shells are minutely cracked or tainted by chicken droppings. All other eggs producers here either illegally market dropping-tainted eggs or they brush off the dirt, which does not kill the bacteria, he said.

Salmonella poisoning causes little more than an upset stomach in healthy people, but in the elderly, babies, pregnant women and sick people with weak immune systems it can cause severe diarrhea and even death.

Peretz: Employing foreign workers more profitable than drug racket

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut is acting to prevent the exploitation of foreign workers in Israel by their local employers, and to ensure these workers' minimal work and living conditions.

The employment of foreign workers in Israel has turned into a more profitable business than drug trafficking, Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said yesterday. Peretz estimated the number of foreign workers in Israel at 400,000.

Peretz said that companies employing foreign workers gain two dollars for every work hour the workers put in, noting that each one works at least 12 hours a day.

Despite the damage to the employment of Israeli workers caused by the competition of cheap foreign labor, Peretz said the Histadrut will not "be led into adopting slogans like 'Foreign workers out,' but will try to protect them from abuse and exploitation by their employers."

The cabinet decided last week to reduce the number of foreign workers in Israel by deporting 1,000 to 2,000 foreign workers every month, as proposed by of Labor Minister Eli Yishai. The Labor Ministry also decided to reduce the number of permits for foreign workers by 20,000, from 103,000 to 83,000.

Most of the foreign workers here are illegal.

Yishai also suggested building closed camps near the airport where foreign workers will be kept until their deportation, but the cabinet postponed its decision on this issue to a later date.

The Histadrut will demand including clauses in the collective wage agreement ensuring minimal terms for foreign workers, and will deploy its labor councils and union activists throughout the country to supervise their work conditions, Peretz said.

Protecting the foreign workers' basic rights will raise the cost of their employment, making the whole deal not worthwhile for employers, Peretz said.

He said the Histadrut is in advanced stages of negotiations with the Hotel Association, contractors and the Farmers' Association, the largest employers of foreign workers, to ensure these workers' rights.

Peretz also called for conditioning government tenders and allocations of construction budgets on arrangements to protect foreign workers from exploitation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man drowns at Netanya beach

A 73-year-old man drowned yesterday morning at the Sironit Beach in Netanya. The man was swimming at around 5 a.m. where no lifeguard was on duty yet. After he was pulled out of the water, a Magen David Adom team tried to revive him, but could only pronounce him dead *Itim*

NIS 10m allocated for Jordan Valley road work

The Transportation Ministry will allocate NIS 10 million to improve the Jordan Valley Road, Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy announced yesterday during a trip to the North. On Monday, the ministry released NIS 3.5m. to widen parts of the road, he said.

Levy also urged the government to increase settlement in the region, which he said has been "neglected."

Levy also said he would push for tourists to be allowed to cross the Allenby Bridge, which is currently only open for the crossing of Palestinians. *Itim*

Greek cargo ship collides with 'Zim Pacific'

A Greek cargo ship hit the *Zim Pacific* yesterday while en route from Piraeus, Greece, to Livorno, Italy. Zim's spokesman announced yesterday. There were no casualties or damage to the *Zim Pacific*'s cargo, though both vessels were damaged.

Zim acquired the *Zim Pacific*, one of eight new ships the company has ordered, only a week ago. Zim is investigating the accident, which, according to early reports, was due to negligence by the Greek vessel's crew, the spokesman said. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Israel to give property title to Russia

Foreign Minister David Levy announced yesterday that Israel would give the title to property in Jerusalem previously held by the Soviet Union to Russia.

Levy informed Russian Ambassador Alexander Bovin of the move in a meeting yesterday. The three pieces of property are the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court building and a Russian church building, both in the Russian Compound, and a plot on King George Street.

After the breakup of the Soviet Union, the question of ownership arose as the union split into separate republics. The decision to give Russia the title was made after an extensive legal study. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Another 'Mineral Dampier' crewman found

The body of another crewman of the *Mineral Dampier*, which sank in the China Sea on June 22, 1995, was discovered yesterday.

The body was found on the main deck in a pile of objects and pieces of metal. The body was found during the third dive early in the morning by the team looking for the bodies.

The Transport Ministry said very bad weather has limited visibility to only 20 centimeters. Officials will try to identify the body, along with two others discovered Thursday. Fourteen of the 27 crewmen have been recovered, five of them Israelis. Four Israeli crewmen are still missing. *Itim*

Edelstein meets young Ethiopian leaders

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein yesterday held his first meeting with young leaders of the Ethiopian Jewish community in an effort to understand the special problems facing that community. The leaders gathered in Jerusalem for a study day organized by the minister's adviser on Ethiopian Jewry. They discussed topics such as easing the transition from a traditional, agrarian society to a modern one. *Batsheva Tsur*

PM meets with German defense minister

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu met yesterday with German Defense Minister Volker Ruehe. The two men discussed the peace process as well as recent developments in Iraq. At the end of the meeting, the prime minister noted the special relationship between the Israeli and German governments and their cooperation in the security sphere and the peace process.

Ruehe said the meeting created an opportunity to enhance the two countries' relations, and that the two men discussed cooperation on assessing the strategic situation in the region. He added that such cooperation would continue. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Study shows angina sufferers can benefit from pharmacist consultations

JUDY SIEGEL

A GROUP of European pharmacists has found that angina pectoris patients who receive ongoing advice on medications and healthier lifestyles have much more successful treatment than those who depend on their physicians alone.

The Israel Pharmacists' Association, which is ready to adapt the European model, will press the Health Ministry for the institution of a consultation fee to be incorporated into the cost of medications that will increase pharmacists' incentives to provide such advice.

Details about the Good Pharmacy Practise Program that developed from the European research was presented yesterday at the International Congress of the International Pharmaceutical Federation at Jerusalem's International Convention Center. The program, which was initiated in Belfast and has been implemented elsewhere in Britain as well as the Netherlands, New Zealand, Germany, Canada and Australia, is expected to significantly upgrade the role of pharmacists around the world.

Angina pectoris is severe, gripping chest pain lasting for a few minutes. It can occur several times a day, especially after patients exert themselves. Although the initial pain can be relieved with nitrate pills under the tongue, the long-term problem – caused by narrowing or blocking of the coronary arteries – must be treated, as angina patients are three times at risk of sudden death from a heart attack as other people. Various drugs, including beta blockers and calcium antagonists, can greatly reduce the problem, but adjustments may be required frequently. Patients also should be encouraged to stop smoking, lose weight if necessary and exercise to cut the risk of heart attacks.

But in many countries, doctors don't have the time for such frequent monitoring, or patients don't get to their physicians often enough. Thus they prefer not to exert themselves, or explain away the pain and weakness as part of growing old. In the Belfast study, financed by the international Swedish pharmaceutical company Astra, 60 angina patients were given lifestyle-change and medication advice by their community pharmacist, who also took blood pressure and blood sugar levels. Not only did their knowledge about their medical condition greatly improve, but they began taking the appropriate medication correctly and their heart-attack risks declined, reported Prof. James McElnay of Queen's University; Dr. Martin Kendall of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, and Linda Stone of the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

Howard Rice, head of the Israel Pharmacists' Association, said that although access to doctors is easy in Israel due to the national health insurance system and the very large number of physicians in this country, adaptation of the European program was vital here. He noted that when clinics closed for the day, it was difficult to get in touch with one's doctor, and that pharmacists have special expertise that a busy doctor may not be able to provide patients.

Asked about the possibility of conflict of interest – that the pharmacist would try to sell drugs the patient didn't need because of the profit motive – the researchers said no professional pharmacist would do this. Their incentive is to improve their involvement with the community and their patients' doctors as well as raising the level of their profession, they said. "Patients want the added value of consulting with pharmacists. Those who don't offer this will get fewer patients coming to them," said Stone.

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Hirschtig presents alibi for night of snake catcher's murder

HAREL Hirschtig, the Kibbutz Deganya Bet resident charged with murdering snake-catcher Ya'acov Sela, presented an alibi at the opening of his trial yesterday in Haifa District Court.

Hirschtig's lawyer told the court that the night of the murder Hirschtig was at the Tropicana Club in Tel Aviv and an army base. He told the judges – Micha Lindenstrauss, Bilha Gilor and Shmuel Berliner – that Hirschtig could not find witnesses to prove this because he is being held a police lockup.

Sela's body, which had been buried in the southern Golan Heights, was discovered by high school students on an outing on March 9.

According to the indictment, Hirschtig with the help of another kibbutz resident, Dan Koenig, and a 17-year-old youth had defrauded Sela of some NIS 140,000. The murder was allegedly committed to prevent Sela from pressing charges.

Hirschtig's mother Rina, who was romantically involved with Sela, has been charged with obstructing justice in the case, after informing the news media that Sela was living abroad after he had disappeared.

The judges agreed yesterday to hear the two cases in one trial.

The prosecution said that ballistics evidence shows that Sela was killed with the gun belonging to Rina Hirschtig.

The trial will resume in October. (Itim)

Informer jailed for drug offense

FARID Azzam Suleiman, of Abu Sinan near Acre, who had been working as a police informer since his release from jail, was sentenced to eight and a half years' imprisonment for smuggling drugs from Lebanon and other offenses by the Haifa District Court yesterday.

Suleiman, 36, who had led the police to a ring that was counterfeiting dollars and prevented a murder, said his work for the police exposed him to the temptation of drug smuggling. He confessed to smuggling a kilogram of heroin from Lebanon in order to finance his own drug use. (Itim)

Police investigate teen for sexually assaulting a child

RAINE MARCUS

REHOVOT police are investigating the alleged sexual assault of an eight-year-old retarded girl by a 15-year-old Ethiopian immigrant in broad daylight at a playground outside the absorption center where they both live.

The girl, the daughter of Americans who immigrated here a year ago, was allegedly assaulted on August 25. The girl's parents immediately informed police, who together with a child investigator took her to a hospital, where a doctor confirmed she had been sexually assaulted.

The girl's mother apparently told police that there were eyewitnesses to the assault and on Sunday showed police the youth's home.

Sources said the child, already mentally retarded, has suffered additional damage and is currently undergoing psychiatric treatment in a mental hospital.

The youth was interviewed by a youth investigator and is expected to appear for a remand hearing in Rehovot Magistrate's Court this morning.

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World reaction mixed to US strike on Iraq

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LONDON

THE US cruise missile strikes on targets in Iraq brought a mixed reaction yesterday, with strong support from allies Britain and Germany, concern in Moscow and Cairo and reservations from France and Spain.

British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, speaking in the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator, declared: "We strongly support the action that has been taken by the US against Iraq."

In London, Defense Secretary Michael Portillo warned there could be further attacks if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein continued to threaten his own people.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel described the 27 cruise missile strikes against air defense targets as an "appropriate and justified" response to Iraqi military attacks against Kurds in the north.

"The Iraqi side violated the (Kurdish) safety zone in northern Iraq and caused a great amount of bloodshed," he said. "In the view of the German government, the US response was appropriate and justified..."

But in Moscow, a source in the Russian Foreign Ministry, quoted by Interfax news agency, said the situation in the Gulf was "extremely dangerous" after the strikes in southern Iraq.

The source said Moscow was watching events with growing concern, adding: "The situation could get out of control. Developments in the Gulf region are taking an extremely dangerous turn."

In Cairo, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "Egypt is following with deep concern the current incidents on the Iraqi land and accompanied military movements and the use of force in north and south Iraq, increasing tension inside Iraq and the region and threatening civilian lives."

France stopped short of joining other allies in backing the US strike, instead urging a "political solution" to Iraq's conflict with Kurdish rebels.

France had written the Iraqi government insisting on "the protection of the civilian populations in Iraq," Foreign Minister Herve de Charette told a news conference. But de Charette also noted "France's attachment to Iraqi territorial integrity," referring to efforts by Kurdish separatist guerrillas in northern Iraq.

De Charette refused to comment directly on the American air attack but said earlier Tuesday that dialogue between the Iraqi government and Kurdish movements "is to us the only way to contribute, by a political solution, to the return to calm and stability in Iraqi Kurdistan."

Spain, one of the United States' NATO allies, said it wished Washington had delayed the strike. "(Our reaction) is one of understanding, although we would have wanted that armed intervention to be, at least, postponed," Foreign Minister Abel Matutes told a radio interviewer. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in Jerusalem his country was following events in Iraq closely but would continue with life as normal.

"We are following the events. We are in close contact with the government of the United States and should there be a need for any kind of action, we'll take it," he said after meeting German Defense Minister Volker Ruehe.

Baghdad launched dozens of Scud missile attacks on Israel while battling a US-led alliance during the 1991 Gulf War.

In Beijing, China called for restraint from Washington and Baghdad. "We hope all sides will not take action that could further aggravate the situation in that area," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang told a regular news briefing in Beijing. "We hope all sides will restrain themselves."

Japan said it supported the strikes as a way to ensure Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions that ended the 1991 Gulf War.

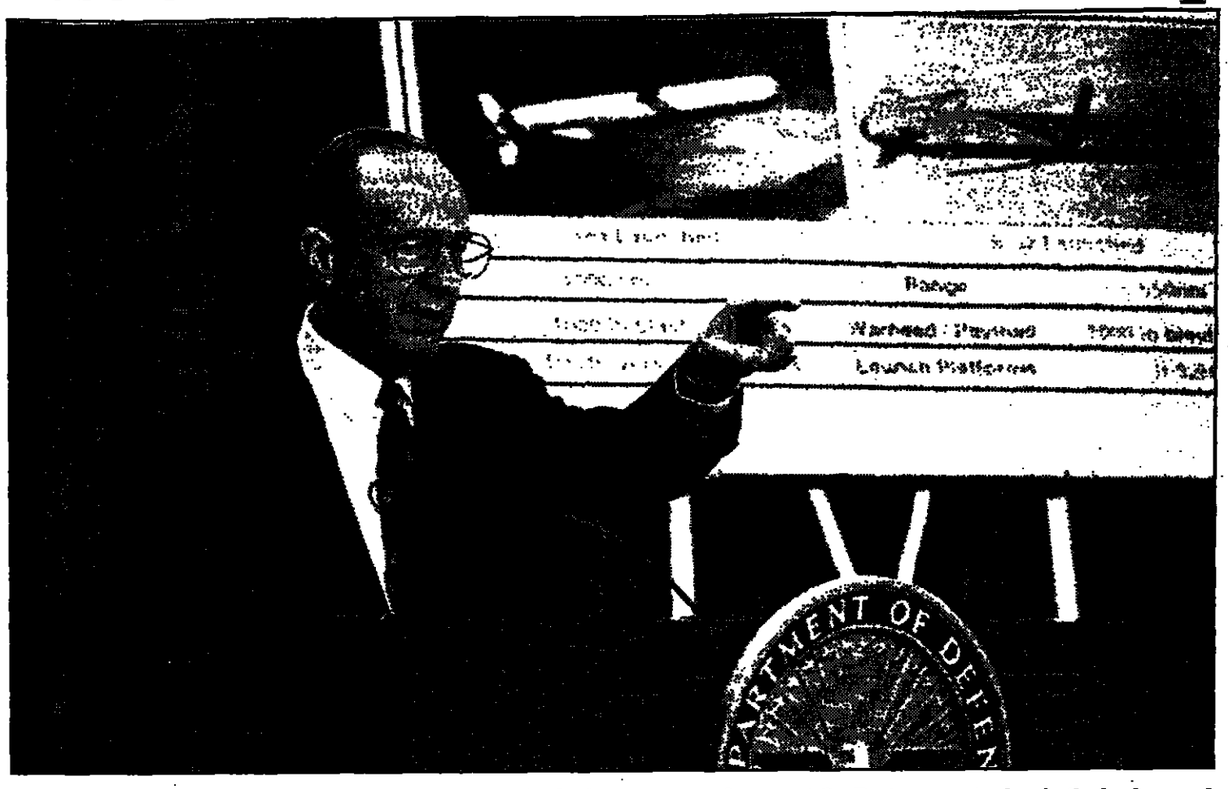
Japan understood and would appropriately support efforts to achieve the goals of the UN resolutions, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said in Tokyo. Government spokesman Kazo Watanabe told reporters Japan accepted such attacks "if Iraq continues its provocative attitude".

Iraqi opposition and Kurdish groups welcomed the attacks, but expressed concern about possible civilian casualties.

"We welcome any action to reverse Saddam Hussein's invasion of northern Iraq," a spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress (INC) told Reuters in Istanbul. "But we are concerned about civilian casualties. Saddam often puts military facilities in residential areas."

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) faction said it hoped this attack would pave the way for Saddam's downfall.

"This is a first step to undermine Saddam Hussein's regime. We hope this will lead to the fall of Saddam Hussein," the PUK's Latif Rashid told Reuters from London. "We want the United States and international community to help us get rid of this brutal dictator."



US Defense Secretary William Perry points to a journalist during a press conference at the Pentagon yesterday, in the background are photographs of the two types of Tomahawk cruise missiles used in yesterday's raid on Iraq. (Reuter)

Lebed modest about Chechen peace deal

MOSCOW (Reuter) – Russia's Alexander Lebed, who brokered a peace deal with Chechen separatists, said yesterday his political rivals did not need to fear he would use his success to boost a drive for the presidency.

"I cannot understand political organisations and media who allege that I have launched a presidential campaign," Lebed, who came third in the first round of the Russian presidential election in June, told a news conference. "I just want to end the war," he said.

Lebed said about 80,000 people had been killed and three times as many injured in 21 months of fighting in Chechnya.

The retired paratroop general, appointed by President Boris Yeltsin to be his special representative in Chechnya, sealed a truce there and struck a deal to defer the thorny question of Chechen independence by five years.

Lebed said he did not want to claim all the credit. "I offer to share it among all the commissions on Chechnya," Lebed said in a reference to the now defunct state commission on Chechnya chaired by Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Analysts see Chechnya as a zone of political rivalry between the charismatic Lebed, whom Yeltsin sees as his political heir, and Chernomyrdin, who is backed by the rich and powerful energy lobby.

Yeltsin's disappearance during the final stage of his re-election campaign in late June, which sparked rumors that the 65-year-old leader was in poor health, has fuelled such speculation.

Yeltsin has only once showed up in public since June 26, although he has made several brief television appearances. His aides deny any health problems and say Yeltsin is recovering from exhaustion from the reelection campaign.

Yeltsin, now on vacation at a hunting lodge outside Moscow, has not met Lebed since he put him in charge of Chechnya. But aides said the president discussed Lebed's plan with Chernomyrdin on Monday.

Chernomyrdin initially reacted cautiously, saying that many aspects of Lebed's deal needed clarification. But he openly backed the plan yesterday.

"The agreements signed by Lebed cause some concern but on the whole we consider them right," Chernomyrdin told a meeting of top North Caucasus officials.

Lebed said he was not overworried by his failure to meet Yeltsin. "I am in permanent touch with the president, on paper and and by telephone," he said. "I think any fuss about this is out of place."

He argued against reconsidering the deal.

"The fighting has stopped, documents have been signed. May God forgive anyone who tries to say that this was wrong or illegal."

Hurricane Fran heading for Bahamas, southeast US

MIAMI (AP) – Hurricane Fran was expected to skirt the Bahamas yesterday as forecasters urged residents along the southern Atlantic coast of the United States to brace for its arrival later this week.

Meteorologists were watching Fran closely for strengthening or signs of whether it will steer west into Florida or go further north and hit Georgia or the Carolinas.

Early indications were that the storm was going to move northeast of the Bahamas.

A hurricane watch was extended yesterday morning to cover the central and northwest Bahamas, from Acklins Island northwest, including casino havens in Nassau and Freeport. A tropical storm warning was in effect for the central Bahamas, from Acklins Island to Cat Island.

"Conditions will gradually deteriorate for the next 24 hours until some of those islands experience tropical storm conditions," said Martin Nelson, a meteorologist with the National Hurricane Center.

Tropical storm-force winds range from 63 kph to 118 kph. Winds around Fran's center were at 130 kph. The minimal hurricane was moving west-northwest at about 21 kph.

Most models show Fran passing east of Cape Canaveral in 48 hours, and hitting the coast of Georgia or South Carolina on Friday. The margin of error, though, was about 480 km.

Bahamian officials had expected the hurricane's eye to pass over casino-havens of Abaco and Grand Bahama islands by late today. But Monday evening, no preparations had begun, meteorologist Jay Butler said.

"No one really gets moving until we issue the warning," he said. "It's not as big a deal here to prepare for a storm since all the stores are a five-minute's drive."

Massachusetts residents, meanwhile, were cleaning up after a wet and windy brush with Hurricane Edouard, which was downgraded to a tropical storm late Monday after sustained wind speeds dropped to 110 kph.

Residents of Massachusetts' Cape Cod and nearby islands were mopping up Edouard's mess – and tallying the economic losses from what should have been one of the biggest tourist weekends of the year.

"I think probably millions of dollars worth of food went down the drain yesterday," Nantucket restaurateur Pat Bealieu said.

Hijacker of Bulgarian airliner arrested in Oslo

News agencies
OSLO

A Palestinian who hijacked a Bulgarian charter plane to Norway yesterday was arrested at Oslo airport less than an hour after landing, police said.

"The man surrendered at 8.47 p.m. (local time)," a police spokesman said. "He asked for a lawyer. He asked for political asylum. He said there is no weapon on board but we will check for ourselves."

"He has not given any political motive," police superintendent Asbjoern Gran told reporters. "The only demands he put forth were to obtain a lawyer, which is easy to fulfil, and to gain political asylum. Maybe all he wanted was to get here. He is between 20 and 30 years old."

The Tupolev TU-154 airliner was commandeered on a flight from Beirut to Varna airport near Bulgaria's Black Sea coast earlier on Tuesday. The hijacker released all 150 passengers at Varna before ordering the crew of eight to take off on the three-hour flight to Oslo.

Bulgarian officials said the man was a Palestinian who used a bomb to hijack the plane on a flight from Beirut to Bulgaria.

UNHCR evacuates endangered Moslems from Serb-controlled Banja Luka

SARAJEVO (Reuter) – The main UN relief agency began evacuating endangered Moslems from the Serb-controlled town of Banja Luka yesterday, after an angry mob evicted them from their homes, a spokesman said.

It was the first time the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) had evacuated a group of threatened minorities since the Dayton peace agreement was signed nine months ago, Kris Janowski of the UNHCR told reporters.

The decision to pull out the 31 Banja Luka Moslems came two months after the families were thrown out of their houses in the suburb of Vrbanja, Janowski said.

The UNHCR asked the town's mayor and the police chief to allow the Moslems to move back to their homes but repeated appeals failed to produce any action, he said.

"We went to the highest level... We received a lot of promises but nothing has ever been done. Indeed more people received eviction threats.

"The bottom line is essentially these people cannot remain in Banja Luka since it is unsafe for them to remain in their home city."

UNHCR buses were taking 11 people to neighboring Croatia yesterday and the rest of the group would be evacuated sometime next week, he added.

The Moslems were forced out of their homes two months ago when a Moslem living in Ireland returned to Banja Luka, infuriating local Serb refugees.

An angry crowd then set about expelling every Moslem family from a street in Vrbanja, a district which had a predominantly Moslem majority before the war began in 1992. Many of the Moslems were beaten and sought shelter with the help of the UNHCR.

During 31/2 years of war, Bosnian Serb forces expelled hundreds of thousands of Moslems and Croats in the Banja Luka region in a campaign of terror devised to carve out an ethnically "pure" Serb state.

The UNHCR evacuation comes less than two weeks before Bosnia holds internationally-organised elections which are supposed to help reunify the country after 43 months of war.

Since the Dayton peace agreement was signed in December, ethnic authorities in Bosnia, especially the Serb leadership, have continued to expel or intimidate minorities in clear violation of the peace accords, the UNHCR says.

The evacuation underscored the climate of violence and rising tensions in the run-up to the September 14 elections, which human rights groups say should be postponed.

UN officials were also concerned about reports of fresh expulsions of Moslems in the eastern town of Bijelina as well as a spate of bombings near the northern town of Brcko.

In Bijelina, a Moslem woman who was in hospital for 15 days returned to her flat to find Serb refugees had occupied her home, said Alex Ivanko, spokesman for the International Police Task Force (IPTF).

"The local police have not taken any action to get her back to her house," Ivanko told reporters.

NATO and international police reported three more explosions near the northern town of Brcko, saying Serb authorities appeared determined to discourage Moslems from trying to move back to the area.

Congress to tackle immigration issue after returning from summer recess

CASSANDRA BURRELL
WASHINGTON

JUST how tough should America get with the estimated 300,000 foreigners who enter the country illegally each year?

That's a question members of Congress will consider this week when they resume work on an immigration bill that would toughen asylum laws and let states deny schooling to the children of illegal immigrants.

President Clinton already has threatened to veto the measure.

There is a consensus that action is needed on illegal immigration. But House and Senate members of a negotiating committee returning yesterday from a summer recess will seek to find accommodation on details of a bill that can be enacted into law.

Immigration, along with unfinished work on the various appropriations bills that need to be passed before the start of the new budget year on Oct. 1, is at the top of the agenda of a Congress returning for what promises to be a relatively short post-recess legislative period.

Republicans say 40 years of Democratic congressional leadership compromised the integrity of the nation's borders and overburdened public services in regions of the country flooded with undocumented aliens. But some Democrats and immigration advocacy groups have criticized the proposed overhaul of immigration law.

"In its understandable zeal to discourage illegal immigration and prevent abuse of our asylum laws, the House has crossed the line from tough to cruel," said Stephen Legomsky, a law professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

The House and Senate passed separate immigration bills earlier this year, and the House-Senate conference committee must decide whether the final version of the bill will include provisions that would make it harder for foreigners to receive US asylum.

The bill that emerges could permanently bar deported illegal aliens from re-entering the United States and could raise income requirements for people who want to bring foreign relatives into the United States.

A House provision to give states authority to expel illegal immigrant children from public schools has drawn the noisiest opposition, especially since more than half of senators – including conservative Texas Republicans Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison – said they couldn't vote for it.

And in an Aug. 3 letter to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Clinton said he would veto a bill containing such a provision.

Republicans agreed last month to submit a compromise plan to the negotiating committee that would allow states to decide whether to charge tuition to the families who can't prove their children are legal US residents.

Rep. Elton Gallegly, who proposed the plan, said taxpayers should decide whether they want to pay for the education of children who have no legal right to be in the country.

Both the compromise and the original amendment "would result in kicking children out of school and onto the streets," Clinton said.

Also unresolved was what the government should do to reduce abuse of US laws that permit foreigners on American soil to claim asylum based on alleged persecution in their own countries.

The House immigration bill includes a provision that would eliminate hearings and appeals for foreigners who arrive in the United States without proper entry documents. An immigration officer would decide whether a person had a credible fear of persecution.

Republicans have said too many asylum seekers do not face persecution, but claim asylum merely to avoid the time-consuming legal immigration process.

Opponents say the provision could send some foreigners with legitimate claims back into the hands of their tormentors without a fair hearing. A person sneaking out of a home country often cannot get the proper documents, they say.

The Senate bill would permit the attorney general to call a hearing during emergencies.

Both the House and Senate bills would double the number of US Border Patrol officers to nearly 10,000 over five years. The House bill also calls for construction of 14 miles of triple fencing along the Mexican border beginning at the Pacific Ocean. (AP)

Mexican Zapatista rebels halt peace talks

HUATULCO, Mexico (AP) – Zapatista rebels in the southern state of Chiapas have broken off peace talks with the government, accusing its negotiators of arrogance and racism.

The rebel's military leader, Subcomandante Marcos, complained that there has been little progress in 16 months of talks between Zapatista National Liberation Army rebels and President Ernesto Zedillo's government.

In a statement faxed to news organizations, Marcos said the government delegation was treating Zapatista delegates with "scorn, racism and arrogance."

He said the Zapatistas "will struggle for democracy, liberty and justice," but said nothing about returning to violence.

The two sides had been set to meet today in Chiapas for another round of talks.

The federal Interior Ministry, which oversees the talks, said it was "surprised" by the decision, adding that the positions between the two sides were not that far apart.

"The interruption of the dialogue benefits no one," the government said in a statement released late Monday. "There is no, and will be no, actions on the part of the federal government that could lead to the interruption of the dialogue. Zedillo Sunday vowed to continue peace talks with the Zapatistas, who rose up in January 1994 to demand better treatment of Chiapas' Maya-descended Indians and other indigenous peoples.

Handshake to seal UK's Hong Kong farewell

BEIJING (Reuter) – Britain's final departure next year from its colony of Hong Kong will be sealed with a handshake, a British minister said yesterday, confirming the two countries would share one final last symbolic embrace.

Beijing's top Hong Kong policy-maker had indicated he was willing to join the British territory's last imperial governor at a ceremony to mark its return to China, said Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Chinese official Lu Ping's willingness to join Britain's Governor Chris Patten in the limelight appeared to signal new willingness to set aside differences in the run-up to the colony's return to Beijing rule on July 1, 1997.

"I had confirmation from Lu Ping this morning that he is looking forward to shaking the governor's hand at the handover ceremony," Hanley told a news conference in Beijing.

London and Beijing have long bickered over the arrangements for Hong Kong's mid-1997 transition to Chinese rule after more than 150 years, with disagreement over the handover ceremony once so entrenched that the prospects for a joint event seemed doubtful.

Beijing, infuriated by Patten's drive to expand democracy in the colony ahead of its return, has tried to limit Britain's role, while London is keen to leave in imperial style.

Britain in March signaled that a joint ceremony was in doubt, with diplomatic sources reporting that the main hurdle in talks was China's insistence that Patten should not attend.

Hong Kong government radio reported late last month that Chinese and British negotiators could reach an outline agreement on the ceremony by the end of September, just nine months before the end of London's rule.

A willingness to share the podium with the governor could reflect a muting of Chinese anger at Patten, who has long been the butt of scathing editorials in the Beijing media.

Lu Ping has frequently shown reluctance to meet Patten during visits to the colony.

"We've had very useful discussions," Hanley said. "On the handover ceremony, the Chinese government agree that it should be grand, solemn and dignified, and fitting to the historical importance of the event."

Official: Belgian sex abuse bodies identified

BRUSSELS (Reuter) – The two bodies found yesterday by police investigating the Belgian paedophile kidnapping, sex abuse and murder scandal that has alarmed all Europe are those of teenage girls abducted a year ago, a public prosector said.

"The human remains discovered on Tuesday (yesterday) afternoon at Jumet have been identified as those of An Marchal and Eefje Lambrecks, Public Prosecutor Michel Bourlet announced officially yesterday evening," Belga news agency reported.

The cause and date of death were not immediately known.

Convicted child rapist Marc Dutroux, the key suspect in a scandal that has shocked Europe, admitted kidnapping An, then 19, and Eefje, 17, on August 22 last year in the port of Ostend.

Police found the badly decomposed bodies 2.5 metres (yards) under a shed in the garden of a house owned by Dutroux in the Jumet suburb of the southern city of Charleroi.

Slovenia lobbies to join NATO

ROME (AP) – Slovenia's foreign minister yesterday lobbied for his country's entry into NATO, insisting that the former Communist land meets the democratic criteria for alliance membership.

Slovenia has completely rebuilt what used to be its Communist-controlled army and now has "democratic control" over the armed forces, said Davorin Krakun after meeting his Italian counterpart Lamberto Dini. Democracy and civilian control of the army are two of NATO's most important conditions for membership.

Slovenia is considered one of the prime candidates to be allowed into NATO next year.

Dini said Italy backs Slovenia's bid for NATO membership.

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Arafat finds himself squeezed by Likud, Jordan

ANALYSIS
PINHAS INBARI

WHEN Yasser Arafat last week left Gaza for Ramallah, it is likely that he already knew Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would soon meet him. So, his motivation for threatening a renewed intifada cannot have been mere frustration at Netanyahu's refusal to shake his hand.

The venue he chose for making the hardline noises – the podium of the elected Palestinian Legislative Council in Ramallah – was significant, and there was more behind his call, before the council, for a general strike and mass weekend prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque and Christian churches than mere irritation with the Likud government in Jerusalem.

Even during the term of the Labor government, Arafat had found growing difficulty in maintaining control of the Legislative Council in particular, and West Bank Palestinians in general.

The Council swiftly rejected Arafat's conception of a basic law, and in close voting came very near to rejecting his entire government. There have been widespread disturbances in the West Bank against "Gazan occupation" – centered mainly on human rights issues.

Arafat was quick to sense that West Bankers were nearing the point of restoring their old, severed relations with Jordan. The arrival of a Likud government merely added to his existing troubles.

Last month he was attacked in Cairo by the hawkish Farouk Kaddoumi, the foreign affairs specialist of the PLO. "I warned you not to go to Gaza," Kaddoumi told Arafat. "You were naive to believe the Israelis."

Kaddoumi was speaking at a meeting of the Central Committee of Fatah, held in Cairo, because Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's international department, refuses to come to the Palestinian Authority. Arafat had nothing to say, but nodded in approval.

He returned to Gaza feeling not only the heat from the Likud and the West Bank, but also from the radical wing of his Fatah colleagues. Hence, Arafat needed to take some rapid action to restore his leadership. He needed, again, to appear to have the status of a national leader exciting the imagination of his people. His distress with the Likud government was genuine, but appearance was his overriding concern.

There were also foreign relations considerations in the timing and venue of Arafat's comments. As frequently noted, he suspects Jordan of aspiring to return to the West Bank. Arafat was able to draw several conclusions from the recent bread riots in Jordan. The country's internal problems will hamper any moves now to strengthen its position in the West Bank. Nonetheless, he noted the loyalty of the Palestinians in Jordan to the Hashemite crown – the second time this has been apparent since similar riots in southern Jordan in 1988.

Another conclusion Arafat could draw – perhaps the most important – was that since it was in the interests of east bank Palestinians to stick with King Hussein, their brothers in the West Bank may make a similar deduction.

Arafat has to take some advantage of the internal problems in Jordan before Amman can consolidate its influence and the PA leader finds himself outflanked by a Hashemite-Palestinian understanding in the West Bank.

Yet Jordanian Prime Minister Abed a-Salem al-Kabariti visited Ramallah, the first such "state visit" to Arafat in this major West Bank city. Kabariti's call on Arafat in Ramallah would seem to signal that Jordan has no aspirations in the West Bank, so Arafat has nothing to worry about.

Jordan's only declared interest is its role on the al-Aqsa Mosque, and on this issue it is not ready to compromise. This was understood from Kabariti's comment to the media that any (Israeli) attack on the holy places, Jordan would consider as an attack on itself.

An Amman government source later confirmed to the east Jerusalem *al-Quds* newspaper that Jordan would never surrender its moral responsibility for the holy places in Jerusalem, and that it is an integral part of its peace treaty with Israel.

A dispute over al-Aqsa erupted between Arafat and Jordan recently after the PA nominated new sheikhs to the Waqf. Jordan ordered them out, but they refused to quit the mosque and move to Abu Dis.

The argument over al-Aqsa has wider scope.

On the day Kabariti visited Arafat, Radio Palestine loudly emphasized the role of Egypt. Even at the joint news conference, while Kabariti spoke of bilateral cooperation, Arafat emphasized the role of the Arab League – an Egyptian stronghold.

Thus, he reminded Jordan that he is not interested in focusing his policy on bilateral relations but intends to give Egypt prominence in West Bank matters.

So, despite the diplomatic gesture, further deterioration in Jordan-PA relations may be expected, not only over al-Aqsa, but across the West Bank.

After his leadership demonstration in Ramallah, Arafat went to Nablus to underscore his relations not with the big families in the pro-Jordanian city, but rather with the refugees near Nablus. There was a big gathering in Balata at which Arafat revealed he had transferred funds from the PA's deficit budget to the UN Refugee Works and Relief Agency to keep it operating until the right of return is achieved.

This meeting served not only as a message to Israel, but also to the residents of Nablus, that if they initiate any calls to King Hussein, they might find themselves in confrontation with the neighboring refugees.

In general, Arafat may be seen to be moving closer to the confrontational attitudes being led from Cairo and Damascus.

Saddam's shrewdness

DOMINIC EVANS
AMMAN

SADDAM Hussein's tactical alliance with a Kurdish rebel faction to retake the northern city of Irbil may be the most calculated move of his many showdowns with the West, diplomats said this week.

The Iraqi leader, a gambler with a patchy track record, has exploited a split in his Kurdish opponents and extended his influence towards the key Turkish border, and found a proxy force to police provinces he lost control of five years ago.

All this, while the US – Saddam's nemesis in countless run-ins with the West since his 1990 invasion of Kuwait – struggles to find international legal grounds to confront him.

"He [Saddam] doesn't have many chips to play with, and sometimes he doesn't mind losing them," said one Western diplomat. "But this time maybe he's calculated that he can get away with it."

Iraqi troops and tanks supporting the Kurdish rebel faction of Masoud Barzani took the northern city of Irbil on Saturday, raising the Iraqi flag and ending five years of fragile autonomy from Baghdad in a few hours of intense artillery bombardment.

Iraq has not controlled its three northern provinces since Kurds rebelled against Saddam at the end of the 1991 Gulf War. The US, Britain and France declared the area an exclusion zone and forbade Iraq to fly over it.

"For Saddam, this is a domestic matter," the diplomat said. "No one in the last six years has proposed that Iraq be partitioned, so he sees that he is acting within his rights."

The Irbil attack followed a series of stand-offs with UNSCOM (UN Special Commission) weapons inspectors which further boosted Saddam's reputation in the West for wanton confrontation.

But the Iraqi leader, who led his country through eight years of ruinous war with Iran before his overwhelming defeat in the Gulf War, appears to have sound strategy behind him this time, diplomats said.

"In the long term to ally himself with [Barzani's] Kurdistan Democratic Party makes sense," said a diplomat familiar with northern Iraq.

"It controls the border with Turkey, gets revenue from border crossings and has the best chance of local support."

He said the Iraqi forces could help Barzani establish authority and then withdraw, leaving him as a proxy force to control the area where Kurds have struggled for decades to establish self-rule from Baghdad.

"Saddam has no interest in staying there. The terrain is too difficult to control," he said.

One diplomat said Saddam may have learned a lesson from his invasion of Kuwait, when an early or partial withdrawal by Iraqi troops from the Gulf Emirate could have fatally split the US-led military coalition which rallied against Baghdad.

"This time it looks like they are withdrawing. Maybe things are more calculated," he said. "After all, he's had six years to think about it." (Reuter)



Three members of the Kurdistan Democratic Party give the victory sign while travelling from the captured city of Irbil yesterday. (Reuters)

Husseini: We don't want confrontation

LAMIA LAHOUD

THE Palestinian Authority does not want to get into a struggle over Jerusalem and wants to keep the issue, as planned, for final status talks, Faisal Husseini told *The Jerusalem Post*. However, Husseini added, Israel must agree to stop its provocative actions in the capital.

Husseini, who heads Orient House, said it would be best for both sides to keep quiet on Jerusalem and just move ahead with the negotiations. He warned that the PA could turn Jerusalem into an Arab Moslem issue if the Israeli government continues to stir things in the city.

He said Egypt, the Gulf States and Syria would back the Palestinian claim on Jerusalem. "It is a very sensitive issue in the Arab Moslem world and should be handled carefully," he said.

That the PA leadership is not interested in a confrontation over Jerusalem at this point became clear at last Friday's Moslem prayers on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The low turnout and peaceful demeanor of worshipers, following Yasser Arafat's call to last Friday's prayers, was an indication that PA leaders are not interested in a confrontation.

There is little motivation among Palestinians to restart protests and disturbances, Palestinian sources said.

After issuing his call for mass attendances at Moslem and Christian prayers, Arafat backed off, somewhat, in order to safeguard the secret talks in Tel Aviv and the signs that the Hebron redeployment may go ahead, the sources said.

Husseini said that Arafat called the prayer protest merely to return international attention onto Jerusalem, but that he wished to avoid confrontation.

By Thursday night, intensive efforts had been made to defuse any danger of this, in talks between Israelis and Palestinians, Palestinian and Israeli security sources said.

Palestinian security forces issued orders to the public that they were to be no disturbances at Israeli checkpoints. The mufti's Friday sermon, while strongly critical, carefully avoided any incitement, the sources said.

Most PA officials who first had promised to attend the prayers did not try to get there. "The PA is acting responsibly and working within the spirit of the agreements," a Palestinian security officer commented. "We have no interest in provoking trouble and confrontation," said Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala), the speaker of the elected Palestinian Legislative Council. "We just want Israel to implement the autonomy agreement, starting with redeployment from Hebron."

Qreia said that with Hebron top of the agenda, it will be apparent if the Israeli government has any intention of implementing the Oslo accords. After that, Palestinians will demand that final status talks begin immediately and that Israel stop expanding settlements.

Referring to the talks between Abu Mazen and the prime minister's advisor Dore Gold, in Tel Aviv, Qreia said talks in themselves are no use if they do not lead to results and the implementation of agreements.

Many Palestinians believe the talks are merely another Israeli delaying tactic to avoid international pressure. "They are proposing to renegotiate the whole Hebron deal and that is unacceptable," said one Palestinian security officer.

He said no redeployment at all was better than a renegotiated deal with more concessions to Israel. "No redeployment," he added, "would at least draw outside pressure from Egypt and the United States for the Oslo accords to be implemented."

Defiant Gaddafi celebrates 27 years in power

MONA ELTAHAWY
TRIPOLI

LIBYAN leader Muammar Gaddafi celebrated 27 years in power last weekend as dozens of jet fighters roared overhead and hundreds of his revolutionary "Green Guards" shouted defiance against Western-led sanctions.

Gaddafi, 54, led a group of young army officers who seized power from King Mohammed Idris on September 1, 1969.

The Libyan leader attended half of a four-hour parade along Tripoli's sea-front, flanked by three African presidents, US Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and several ministers from Arab and African countries.

The parade began with jet fighters performing air-loops and dozens of Soviet-made MiG fighters and French Mirages flying in formation, to an applause from crowds of Libyans.

Guests of Gaddafi's celebrations did not enjoy the same freedom in the sky.

They had to travel to Libya by land or sea because of UN sanctions imposed on the country for its refusal to hand over two Libyan suspects in the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Scotland in 1988, to Britain or the US.

Thousands of cadets from the "armed people," who replaced the regular Libyan army in 1989, shouted "Victory, strength and will!" as they ran past Gaddafi holding their rifles. The Libyan leader, wearing an army uniform and sunglasses, smiled and saluted.

Gaddafi did not speak at the parade, but he has vowed never to surrender to US pressure, saying a huge man-made river project showed his country was concerned with development and peace.

"This is the biggest answer to America and all the evil forces who accuse us of being concerned with terrorism. We are only concerned with peace and progress. America is against life and progress. It pushes the world towards darkness," Gaddafi said at the inauguration of a new phase of his "great man-made river" project.

The huge scheme pumps water from the south of the country to the Mediterranean coast.

"Just because someone refuses hegemony and colonialism doesn't mean he wants war. We want peace but we refuse to surrender. America presents propaganda," said Gaddafi. "We present clear action to the world." (Reuter)

Brash, secular ... and it publishes in Iran

ANTHONY SHADID
TEHERAN

FOR Morad Saghafi, *Dialogue* is not just the name of his magazine. It's the way he survives, too.

Saghafi runs one of Iran's most provocative journals, tackling issues like women's rights, Iranian foreign policy and the government's fondness for conspiracy theories – topics generally considered off limits in the Islamic Republic.

Dialogue is one of a growing number of journals that are steadily expanding the boundaries of debate in Iran. One of them has provided space to an Islamic intellectual who tentatively calls for a separation of mosque and state – an anathema to a regime founded on the concept of rule by a religious jurist. Others have looked critically at next year's presidential elections and state-controlled television programs.

"Little by little, people have come to look for a way to live together, regardless of their differences," Saghafi said. "We exist because the ground is ready for that."

But running afoul of the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance is always a worry. Hence, he says, the need for dialogue.

"We try to keep publishing the magazine so we keep up the dialogue with them," he said. "It's a very Middle Eastern way of life. Going and talking with each other, seeing each other." Saghafi visits officials at least once a week for a chat over tea that can last anywhere from five minutes to an hour.

Dialogue's survival is an indication that Iran's 17-year-old revolution is becoming more tolerant, albeit reluctantly. (AP)

Attacks on Kurds may slow Iraqi-Turkish oil pipeline plans

BAGHDAD'S attacks on Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq may have a serious financial fallout across the border in Turkey: the postponement of the opening of a joint oil pipeline with Iraq.

Officials also worry that unrest in Iraq could spill over to Turkey's Kurds, who have been fighting for autonomy since 1984. The Turkish Kurds had maintained bases in northern Iraq used for cross-border raids.

Turkey had expected to have the pipeline back in operation in two weeks under a United Nations program to allow Iraq to sell oil to buy food and medicine. Turkey considered it an important step in beginning to recoup what it lost due to the UN trade embargo on Iraq following the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Turkey has already asked the UN for an exemption from the sanctions, claiming it has lost about $23.7 billion from the shutdown of the pipeline and the halt of cross-border trade.

A UN committee decided last week to delay consideration of Turkey's request until after the UN oil-for-aid deal went into effect. Now, the entire plan could be in limbo.

UN monitors are supposed to oversee the distribution of food and medicine bought with the oil earnings. But the UN is unlikely to send in observers until the situation in the region stabilizes, said a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Iraq was one of Turkey's biggest trading partners before the Gulf War. The relationship soured when Turkey joined the US-led alliance against Iraq and hosted the Western air force formed to protect Iraqi Kurds.

Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, who assumed power in June as head of an Islamic-led coalition, supports normalization of ties with Iraq. Last month, Turkey secured a deal with Iraq for Turkish companies to supply Iraq with goods when Baghdad resumes oil sales. (AP)

Crusader false gold coins found

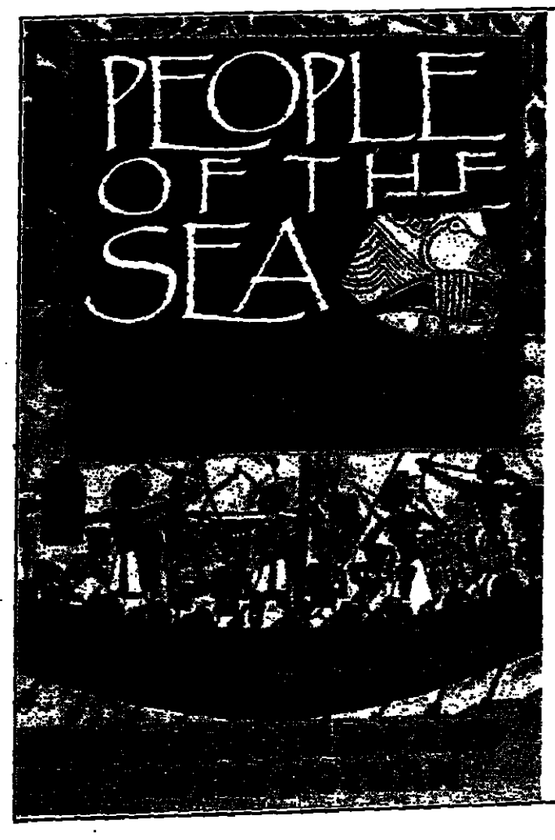
EXCAVATORS have unearthed priceless gold coins, apparently counterfeited by Crusaders in southern Egypt about 900 years ago, Egyptian archeologists said this week.

The eight coins were discovered recently in the village of Toha in the southern province of Minya – a region rich in antiquities – after villagers there stumbled upon three similar coins last year, said Abdel-Halim Noureddin, head of the Supreme Council for Antiquities.

The coins are almost perfect counterfeits of the currency used during the Fatimid dynasty, which ruled medieval Egypt from 969 to 1171 and founded the capital Cairo, Noureddin commented. The Crusaders invaded the Middle East in 1096, arriving in Egypt in 1117 – dating the coins to the 12th century.

The coins' faces are bordered with two rows of the block-like Arabic that was so "complex and sophisticated that the falseness could not be detected easily," a statement from the council said.

Experts found imperfections proving they were counterfeited, said Abdallah Attar, a spokesman for the council. But he refused to elaborate. (AP)



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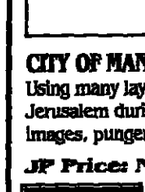
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Reluctant allies

NOTHING brings out a parade of international cliches like American action against a dictator whom almost everybody on earth wishes would just vanish. The cliches, well wrapped in hypocrisy, lie thickest on the ground in the Middle East.

The facts are clear enough – Saddam Hussein fought a war of conquest, lost it, and was placed under agreed international sanctions and strictures until be learned to mend his ways. The penalties for further aggressive action have been spelled out and underlined almost every year since the Gulf War. Now that the unrepentant Saddam has decided to send his army into the forbidden Kurdish protectorate, he and his few friends and many enemies should not be surprised that, once again, he needs to be taught that international law will be enforced as stipulated.

The United States, as leader of the coalition that liberated Kuwait and saved Saudi Arabia, and because of its superior technology, is by consensus the best fitted to teach Saddam the necessary lesson. The US military's long-range firepower and accurate targeting ensures that Saddam's military machine is hit hard where it hurts without unduly endangering noncombatant Iraqi citizens. The world, especially the Middle Eastern states the US is protecting, should be grateful that Washington not only has the ability, but the will, to do what is necessary and what has been agreed and mandated in the United Nations Security Council.

The truth is most are probably grateful – but only in private. Indeed, when it comes to offering the US president full public backing for taking necessary military action the facts and truth vanish like vapor in a desert breeze. Only Kuwait, unsurprisingly, gave the US air strikes immediate backing and repeated the obvious statement that Iraq must be forced to comply with international law if it will not do so willingly. Next after Kuwait in Saddam's gunsights is Saudi Arabia. Washington's supposedly closest ally in the Arab world – and from Riyadh the silence has been deafening.

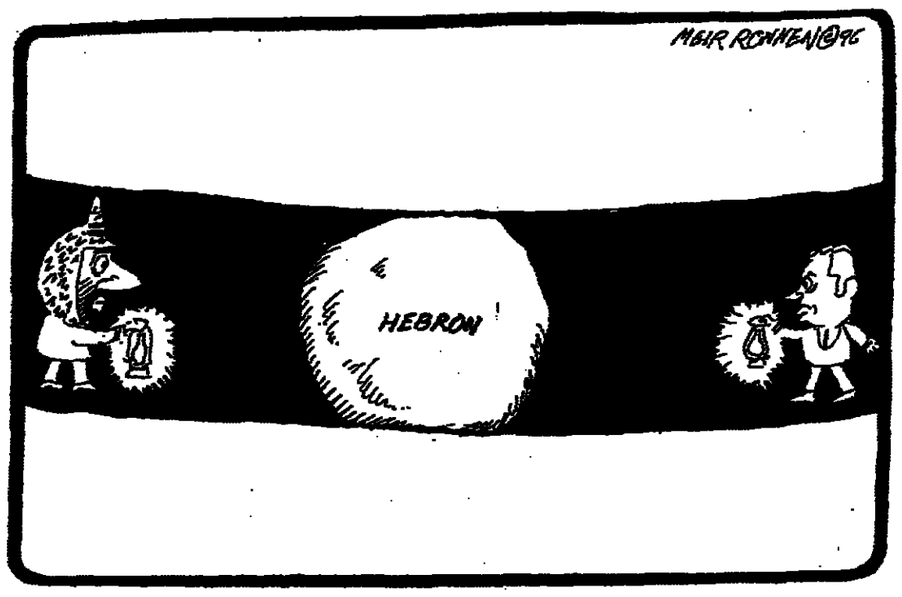
Next come the close allies Egypt and Jordan, who suddenly seem more concerned about Iraq's "sovereignty" than about its outrageous outlaw behavior in using a Kurdish factional spat as an excuse to up the military stakes in the Middle East one more time. Yet, to listen to some of America's so-called friends, it would seem Iraqi aggression was somehow plotted in Washington just so President Clinton could mount a fireworks display for his election campaign. Even a politically naive child could deduce that the last thing a campaigning national leader needs is a military engagement, no matter how necessary, that can go wrong just as quickly as it can go right – former prime minister Shimon Peres's Operation Grapes of Wrath being a case in point.

It is obvious the United States is merely leading the way, as it always is urged to do. Yet those most often the loudest in their urging on other matters – such as demanding pressure on Israel – are silent, niggardly or downright hostile when Washington does the right thing in confronting a recidivist dictator and warmonger like Saddam. Indeed, a cursory glance through the world reactions show only Britain, Germany, Japan, Canada and Israel standing squarely behind their American friend and ally. And of those, only one – Britain – provided any logistical support for the US forces' operation. While France can always be relied upon to adopt a maverick stance on almost any international issue, the fact that it supplies air force units for regular patrols of the no-fly zones in Iraq make its refusal to support the air strikes particularly nonsensical – a slap in the face for its own troops as well as for its allies.

The whole affair shows how far the coalition that drove Saddam out of Kuwait has eroded since 1991. It may partly be attributed to disillusion with the concept of the "new world order" that was fashionable then as the Communist bloc barricades came down across eastern Europe. The post-Communist world has proved more resistant to being "ordered" than anyone imagined, and Somalia, Bosnia, Chechnya and Afghanistan have led to a certain weariness with local brush fires imposing themselves on us as world crises.

Yet, Washington remains right in drawing the red line against international chaos on the doorstep of Saddam Hussein. And the reluctance of its Arab allies to support that has more to do with spinelessness than with weariness. It might be understandable to say simplistically that it would serve the Arab states right if the US tired of their miserable attitude to American troops putting their lives on the line to protect them against the Saddams of the region. But in reality, of course, the United States and its allies themselves have an enormous stake in preventing the oil wealth of the Middle East from falling into the hands of one megalomaniac in Baghdad.

Nonetheless, the ingratitude of such groups as the Palestinians, who again have widely condemned the US action and voiced support for Iraq, could come back to haunt them, as it did in Kuwait and the Gulf. Any reasonable American politician might well be asking the new Congress after November just why Washington should put itself out to help some people – especially those who bite the hand that doles out aid and support.



Beyond the missiles

MOSHE ZAK

THE Cruise missiles the US fired yesterday at Iraqi targets won't necessarily provoke a rain of Scuds on Tel Aviv, as happened in January 1991.

As a strategic ally of the US, Israel can be well satisfied with President Clinton's resoluteness in implementing the cease-fire accord imposed upon Saddam Hussein following the Gulf war.

This cease-fire not only created a no-fly zone beyond the 36th parallel (into the Kurdish region), it also included a ban on the production of nonconventional weapons.

In the short term American resoluteness vis-a-vis Saddam is vital to our security; but in the long term it poses a dilemma, since its effect is to strengthen the Iranian side of the Iraq-Iran equation. The resultant danger is of a land corridor being created between Iran and Syria.

Israel needn't get agitated over every war that breaks out in our region and, in any case, the current crisis in northern Iraq will not spread. Most of the region's wars do not stem from the Israeli-Arab conflict, and it is safe to assume that they will not end once the disputes between us and our Arab neighbors are settled.

In 1991 Saddam was unable to attack far-off and powerful America, so he chose instead to harass Israel with Scuds despite the fact that Israel didn't provoke Iraq in any way. Not permitted to join the anti-Iraq military coalition, Israel absorbed 39 Scud missiles.

Yet in spite of his threats to burn up half of this country Saddam was, just prior to his invasion of Kuwait, conducting hectic talks with Egypt's president; he wanted Hosni Mubarak to broker a mutual declaration of nonaggressive intent between Iraq and Israel.

The Gulf war was caused by Masoud's father, and gave him on-the-spot assistance. (In exchange Barazani helped save the lives of Iraqi Jews by smuggling them into Iran, from where they were brought to Israel.)

Barazani once told Israeli officer Haim Levakov, "On the way to the Iranian border I met a woman and two children heading for Tehran. When I learned that they were the orphans of one of the Jews executed in Baghdad on February 29 1969, I kissed their heads and handed money to each of them."

But Mustafa's son is now helping Saddam militarily in his war for control of the autonomous Kurdish region. Times change, and so do coalitions. The 1970s coalition of Iran, Israel, the US and the Kurds is a thing of the past.

During the Yom Kippur War Israel asked the Kurds to launch an offensive on the Iraqi army. Barazani consulted then CIA chief William Colby, who counseled him "not to take the advice of another government."

While Henry Kissinger claims in his memoirs that the Kurdish threat held at least two Iraqi divisions back from joining the task force in the Golan, Colby's telegram to Barazani (publicized years later) proves that partnership doesn't necessarily guarantee agreement on particulars.

The question for Israel, which isn't involved in the current situation, is whether it should draw the US's attention to an additional aspect of the crisis: the threat to peace in the region implicit in Talabani's gaining control of northern Iraq.

It must not be forgotten that the Syrians were behind Talabani's victory parade at the end of the Gulf war, when he entered the Kurdish region from Syria. Now he enjoys Iranian support, and if he can block Barazani he is liable to create a land bridge between Iran and Syria, and from there to the Hizbullah in Lebanon.

US Ambassador Martin Indyk holds the copyright on the American diplomatic "dual containment" formula, in other words, the simultaneous blocking of Iran and Iraq.

But yesterday's US attack on Iraq upsets that balance. It ignores the opportunity Talabani has created for an Iranian-Syrian bridge over the Kurdish region. Israel cannot afford to ignore this side of the Iraqi coin.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

Victory for Talabani could lead to a dangerous land bridge between Syria and Iran over northen Iraq

Last priority

JAY BUSHINSKY

THE fate of nations is sometimes strangely intertwined. A military or diplomatic assault against one can result in a setback or even a disaster for the other. So with the Israelis and the Kurds.

President Clinton's decision to punish Iraq for its seizure of the Kurdish city of Irbil by ordering surgical air strikes against selected targets in southern Iraq could lead Saddam Hussein to unleash more of his Scuds against Israel.

Intelligence surveys conducted after the Gulf war in 1991 indicate that US warplanes did not succeed in knocking all the Scuds out. Israel's pilots were grounded at the insistence of President Bush and couldn't have a crack at them.

The latest flare-up in northern Iraq can be traced to a series of ill-considered and unwise policy decisions taken in 1975 by secretary of state Henry Kissinger with which Yitzhak Rabin (who was prime minister at the time) complied. Iranian oil, then being secretly imported by Israel, was evidently more important to Rabin than Kurdish amity.

Kissinger endorsed the rapprochement between Saddam and the late shah of Iran according to which Iraq and Iran confirmed the demarcation of their common boundary, shared access to the Shatt el-Arab waterway (the till-then contested estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers) and, in the shah's case, stopped supporting the Kurdish separatists in northern Iraq.

Until then Israel had been training, arming and providing military and civilian expertise to the late Mulla Mustafa Barazani's Kurdish insurgents. Israeli advisers improved the guerrillas' field tactics against the Iraqi army and Israeli army doctors (among them former health minister Efraim Sneh) provided medical assistance.

But this clandestine relationship came to an abrupt end as soon as the shah closed the Kurds' vital supply line by barring access to northern Iraq by way of adjacent Iranian territory. Israeli interest in and sympathy for the Kurds' right to self-determination also waned during the subsequent two decades of comparative estrangement.

When it comes to the crunch, no one cares about the Kurds

FORMER prime minister Yitzhak Shamir is quoted by *Ha'aretz* reporter Yossi Melman as saying that Israeli-Kurdish contacts were renewed or upgraded immediately after the Gulf war, to the extent that unidentified Israeli emissaries tried to mediate between rival Kurdish leaders Masoud Barazani, now head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), and Jalal Talabani of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). But Shamir reportedly conceded that "a serious political link like the one Israel had during the 1960s and 1970s until Henry Kissinger 'sold' the Kurds was not created."

Barazani's astounding alliance with Saddam and his call for Iraqi troops to come to his aid in Irbil against the PUK must have made his pro-Israeli father Mustafa turn in his grave.

New diplomatic priorities evidently made Israel tread more cautiously than ever regarding Kurdish national aspirations. The opportunity to forge military and economic links with Turkey required that Israel keep the Kurds at a viable political distance.

Evidence that Syria was serving as a springboard for terrorist attacks by the radical Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) against civilian targets in Turkey and Turkish officials abroad also precluded Israeli involvement in the Kurdish cause.

So once again "raison d'etat" took precedence over political ideals or national rights. The fact that the Kurds have the generally-accepted prerequisites for statehood – language, territorial presence and distinctive culture – has been rendered subservient to the strategic advantages accruing from an Israeli-Turkish entente and common Israeli-Turkish concerns about Syria.

At the same time there has been no international interest in the Kurds' national misfortune: domination by the Turkish, Iraqi, Iranian and Syrian governments, each of which controls a contiguous segment of historic Kurdistan and refuses to contemplate Kurdish statehood or national sovereignty.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEAK LEADER

Sir, – Your editorial, "Follow Meretz's example" (August 20), hit the nail on the head. I am certain that those who voted for Binyamin Netanyahu never imagined we would get such a weak leader and fractious government. It has become crystal clear over the past few months that placating inflated egos and filling party coffers take precedence over the needs of the state.

But while the public is distracted by Chelm-like squabbles and unremitting coalition crises, behind the scenes and almost out of sight, political strongmen such as Ariel Sharon move ahead with their agendas.

In one arena, however, it appears that Netanyahu's government may achieve what no other Israeli government has ever been able to do: unite the Arabs. If this government's current attitude and tactics continue, we may be fighting another war sooner than we thought.

Pundits claim that Netanyahu is in over his head. Hopefully, his policies won't put us all in the ground as well.

DR. ROBERT ROCKAWAY
Tel Aviv.

OUTRAGEOUS INVITATION

Sir, – I think that it is outrageous that President Weizman has invited Yasser Arafat to his home in Caesarea, the heart of Israel. That he chooses to meet with him is disputable, but why in Israel? It is true that he may be our partner, for the time being, but that doesn't negate the fact that on top of the red carpet which he likes to tread, stands a tyrant, despot and a terrorist *par excellence*.

It was Arafat and his men who unleashed a wave of terror not only onto the people of Israel, but all around the world. It was Arafat who pioneered airline terror and urged his "freedom fighters" to attack schools and buses. It is Arafat who praises mass murderers of Israelis, vows to lead his people on a holy *Jihad* and promises to make Jerusalem his capital. He rules his own people like a despot, mismanaging or misappropriating funds which would make their lives easier.

By inviting Arafat to his home, President Weizman sends the signal that he is a welcome friend. A necessary evil maybe, but Arafat is no friend of the Jewish people. Inviting him to his home is not only an insult to the thousands of victims of Arafat's reign of terror, but to the Jewish people and humanity.

JUDY LEV
Ra'anana.

CYPRUS VIOLENCE

Sir, – The second incident of renewed violence in Cyprus and the Turkish readiness to resort to the unrestrained use of firearms should and must send warning signals to the Israeli government and to all Israelis anxious to see peace in the entire region. Renewed fighting on the island could result in the outbreak of hostilities in the entire region.

Almost daily, we are flooded with media reports describing the Israeli success in entering into a variety of strategic agreements with Turkey. We are supplying arms and advanced weapons systems to a nation which time and time again has proven that its diplomatic policies are based on violence. I can only wonder how long it will be before the Turkish army begins to use Israeli-supplied weapons against the Greek population of Cyprus.

Our government must seek assurances from Turkey that Israeli-supplied armaments will never be used against Cyprus.

In addition, the government must protest to Turkey against the Cyprus shootings in the same way that many of the world's nations protest to us when we do the shooting.

Israel does not have to take sides in the conflict, but it can certainly use its influence as a "good neighbor" to try and help the parties come to a peaceful settlement.

ELI MINOFF
Safed.

"BALAGAN" AT BEN GURION

Sir, – I have been traveling to Israel on a regular basis for the past 20 years. More important, I have been responsible for bringing approximately 1,500 high school students to work, study and travel in Israel. I have convinced parents to send their children during the war in Lebanon, during the intifada and after terrorist attacks too painful and too numerous to mention. Strange as it may seem, I was perfectly comfortable about the safety and security of all concerned.

On a recent Monday morning, I experienced my first real feeling of lack of confidence in the authorities and procedures so necessary for the protection of our children and all those present. I am speaking about the situation at the departure terminal at Ben Gurion Airport for the early morning flights. The terminal is hopelessly too small to handle many Jumbo Jets at the same time, and there were several scheduled. There was no crowd control, no provision for handling the baggage that is common for this age group, and as unbelievable as it sounds, no security in processing the luggage.

If things do not change immediately, a disaster is inevitable.

MERLE FRANKEL
Montreal.

SLIGHT TO IMMIGRANTS

Sir, – Michael B. Oren's article on the Dore Gold issue ("Scared of the 'stranger,'" August 9) reflects attitudes and prejudices that prevail in all walks of life in this country. However, the statement: "...the only immigrant community to have come here out of volition..." is a slight to immigrants from other English-speaking countries and many other free nations around the world – immigrants, who have not only made Israel their home, but have played a variety of influential roles in the economic, cultural and social life of the country.

HAROLD HIRSCH
Or Akiva.

A symptom we can't ignore

DAN LEON

AN intense public debate is taking place over the decline of motivation in the army.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai finds many recruits uninterested in joining combat units and Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen Amnon Shahak "regrets that a serious and deep discussion has not been carried out regarding the place of the army in Israel's society."

What Shahak is – correctly – implying is that the relative lack of motivation in the IDF (and it is still definitely relative) is indivisibly bound up with the totality of our society.

There has been a decided drop in the number of kibbutzniks who sign up for officers' courses; but the kibbutz is not an isolated island, so why should it be immune to the materialistic and acquisitive currents all around us?

Young Israelis are interested in Aviv Gefen rather than Yosef Trumpeldor, and for many of them the devotion and sacrifice of the founding fathers are merely part of a history lesson. Such nostalgia isn't considered too relevant to our day.

Long after the pioneering ethos began to decline, the IDF still appeared indispensable in defense of our very existence. Nevertheless, its position was bound to become more and more problematical as our society changed. There are three possible explanations for today's situation.

The first is that in contemporary Israeli society the majority culture unashamedly respects material success, individualism and even hedonism. Many young people want to get on with their lives without "wasting" three crucial years in uniform. Value-oriented, mainly religious, youth may become the exception rather the the rule but that, like the case of the haredim, is a subject that deserves separate treatment.

Jewish society is still patriotic, but its solidarity is challenged – economically, socially, culturally, ethnically, politically and religiously – by deep and openly articulated splits.

The "melting pot" concept is no longer taken for granted. Socioeconomic gaps are increasing. These factors must influence attitudes to military service, even if their effects are different on each stratum of society.

Declining morale in the army points to an overall decline in national solidarity

Second, the reputation and status of the army, once untouchable, have begun to be dented. Shahak noted today's epidemic of dodging reserve duty.

THESE doubts date back to the war in Lebanon and the intifada. Those who refused to serve were relatively few, but many more soldiers began to harbor doubts about what they were doing and why.

As a people's army the IDF is the very opposite of a mercenary force, which carries out orders unthinkingly. Most soldiers, some with political doubts and others who were nonpolitical, did their jobs but saw little point and had no pride in soldiering in the alleys of Gaza.

Perhaps a time will come when people will again ask what we are doing in Lebanon, this time in the security zone.

Third, in the peace index of the Steinmetz Center immediately after these last elections, 66.3 percent of Israeli Jews supported the peace process (no Arab citizens were polled).

The prime minister says that "We will not acquiesce in a lack of motivation stemming from the assumption that there are no more military challenges." But the hope for and prospect of peace, even when there are still real security problems, don't serve to make such talk sound persuasive.

Perhaps the IDF should look at the professional armies of other western countries, built on financial renumeration. In our army it is not only many of our conscript soldiers who think three years' service is too long.

Economic journalist Sever Plocker writes that such service entails a grave loss to the economy, noting that the third year for men and the last six months for women costs around $1.5b. a year, equalling the whole annual sum of military aid we receive from the US.

He suggests that the IDF could adapt to cutting conscription to two years without our security being harmed. This would also promote a better attitude to the army.

The problem is not only one for the army, which may be able to adapt. The decline of overall solidarity on so many levels of our national life should arouse concern first and foremost because of its significance for Israeli society as a whole. We are seeing a sign of what is going on in our whole body.

One naturally tends to look to the educationalists for answers, but in a sense this is the easy way out, for pupils are not taught in a vacuum.

With the old pioneering era behind us and with the young generation striving to lead a "normal" life, the question of morale in the army is just one symptom of a larger question, namely: What makes our society tick?

We neglect confronting this question at our peril.

The author is co-managing editor of the Palestine-Israel Journal.

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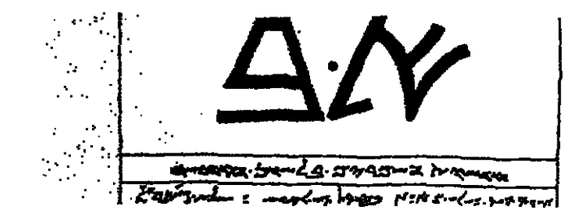
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The people of the paper

A fascinating study is being conducted on the history of the Jewish press, **Tom Gross** reports





Since the 17th century, thousands of Jewish newspapers have appeared worldwide in over 40 languages. From top: Hebrew in Latin letters, Marathi (a language spoken in India), Hebreo-Samaritan, and Esperanto.

THERE is nothing as out of date as yesterday's newspaper. If you tried to sell a copy of one today, there would be few takers. But for those who later want to capture the spirit of the past, almost nothing is as valuable as an old edition for giving you both actual information and the feeling of what life was like.

In spite of its importance, the history of journalism is a neglected subject practically everywhere. One reason is obvious – newspapers are physically very perishable and very few people keep them. And before the advent of microfilm it was very difficult to preserve newspapers, even in libraries.

In Tel Aviv, however, there is now a project which is opening up an exciting new era in the study of journalism. The Institute for Research of the Jewish Press, which is housed at Tel Aviv University (though not part of it), is chronicling a remarkably rich and diverse 325-year history.

To study the Jewish press is both exceptionally difficult and exceptionally fascinating – for the same reasons. Difficult, because the Jewish press appeared in so many languages and often under very unsettled conditions – many papers were forced to stop publication and journalists moved from one country to another. But in this, the story of the Jewish press provides a close reflection of Jewish life itself. And fascinating because both the quantity and variety of Jewish papers and periodicals are outstanding.

Since the first Jewish newspaper in the world, *Gazeta de Amsterdam*, appeared in Italian and Spanish in 1672, many hundreds of Jewish dailies and thousands of Jewish weeklies have appeared in dozens of languages, from Afrikaans to Judeo-Tat (in Dagestan), from Swedish and Flemish to Finnish and Marathi (a language spoken in India).

The sheer number and variety are astonishing – newspapers in Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino that have been printed using English characters; others written in German and Arabic, using Hebrew letters; Ladino papers mixed up with Persian; papers as different as the *Voice of Jacob* (Sydney, Australia, 1842) and *Het Joodische Land* (Bandung, Indonesia, 1926). The first Hebrew periodical *Pri Etz Hahayim* ("The Fruit of the Tree of Life") came out in Amsterdam in 17th century, and the first Hebrew daily (*Hayom*) in St. Petersburg in 1886.

"When we began our research, we had no idea just what a treasure trove we were going to unearth," says Shalom Rosenfeld, a founder and later chief editor of *Ma'ariv*, and the driving force behind the project. "It is an entire cultural treasure belonging to our people," says Rosenfeld, who, at the age of 81, still displays boundless energy and enthusiasm for his work.

"It's incredible. Did you know that there were three Yiddish papers in London in the 1920s, one of which was the official paper of the anarchist movement and was edited by a non-Jew," says Rosenfeld, who is fluent in Yiddish as well as five other languages. (Among other positions he was Israel correspondent for the New York Yiddish daily, *The Forward*, for 10 years.)

"Tunisia alone has had 143 Jewish periodicals and newspapers. Between 1904 and 1949, China had 40, in Harbin, Shanghai and Tientsin, published by refugees in English, Russian, German and Yiddish. A Jewish newspaper has even appeared in Japan [in Russian, in 1905]."

THE PRECISE number of Jewish newspapers published over the years has never been established, partly because new information keeps on coming to light, and partly because of the difficulty of knowing exactly how to define a "Jewish newspaper." Rosenfeld says that if the publishers, editors, readers and contents are primarily Jewish, then he'll include the newspaper in his study. Alternatively, he quips, we could take the advice of the eminent orientalist Bernard Lewis, who defined a Jewish newspaper, half-jokingly, as "One that doesn't publish on Yom Kippur."

"Examples of the Jewish press are scattered among libraries, shops, universities, museums and private collections throughout the world, but this is the first time an attempt has been made to coordinate them under one roof, to weave them into a tapestry of research," says Rosenfeld.

The institute does not necessarily have actual copies of all the publications chronicled, but it keeps data on each one. "I estimate there have been about 20,000 different Jewish publications since the 17th century, in at least 41 languages," says Rosenfeld.

"The only thing that's stopping us from furthering our research is lack of funds. The work of the institute is funded by private donations and not by the university. We are fighting a battle against time, against fading memories."

The work of the institute is accessible to the general public through its own beautifully illustrated periodical, *Qesher*, which appears in Hebrew, but has English summaries and extracts at the back. Special bilingual issues in English, Yiddish, Ladino, French and Spanish have also been published.

"The press is an almost inexhaustible, albeit often biased mine of information," says Rosenfeld. "What are newspapers if not the daily diary of almost every area in the life of a nation, from diplomacy to crime?

"And the Jewish press is a unique phenomenon in its essence, ideology, circulation and languages, its relationship to the authorities and to the gentile population."

Some newspapers chronicled by *Qesher* will no doubt be familiar to the general public, such as the edition of the *Judische Rundschau* of April 4, 1933, in which in its most famous issue, editor Dr Robert Weltsch proclaimed in huge letters in a front-page editorial "Wear your yellow star with pride!"

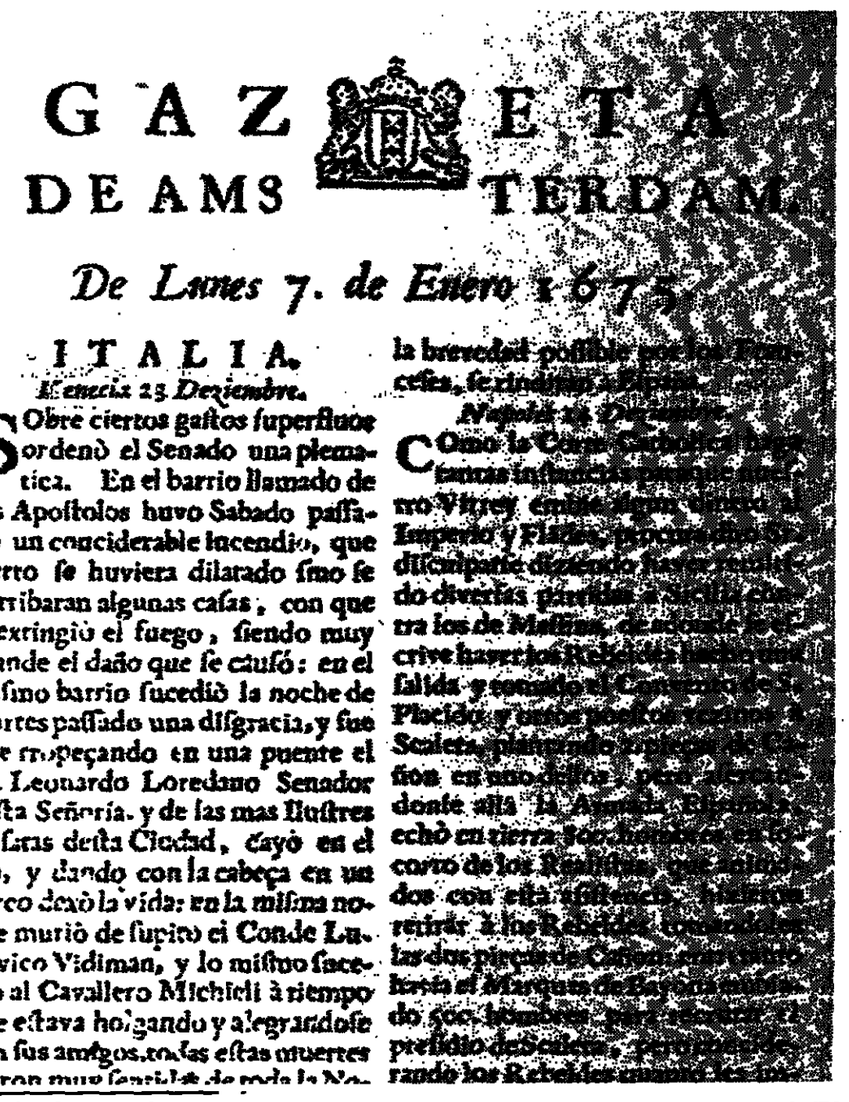
And as the institute's research has shown, the underground Jewish press of the Nazi era is, says Rosenfeld, "a saga without parallel in the history of the press of other peoples – a testament to the bravery and resourcefulness of people involved, who managed to obtain typewriters, printing equipment, newsprint, etc."

Rosenfeld, with a certain sadness in his voice, shows handwritten original copies he has in his office of *Unzer Sztime* ("Our Voice"), the first periodical by Holocaust survivors in Germany, started by survivors in Belsen only two weeks after liberation.

"For Jews, a newspaper has always been the faithful link that connects the near to the far away," he says. "The Jewish press, in addition to having the qualities of the gentile press, fulfilled a unique social function, in that to a certain extent it substituted for the political milieu our people lacked."



Above, Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe are received with open arms by their brethren in America in a sentimental 1890s painting typical of the period. In the background is the first Hebrew paper in the US, 'Hatsofe.' Below, the world's first Jewish newspaper, 'Gazeta de Amsterdam' (1675).


GAZETA DE AMSTERDAM

De Lunes 7. de Enero 1675

ITALIA.

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Sobre ciertos gastos superfluos ordenò el Senado una plematica. En el barrio llamado de los Apostolos huvo Sabado passado un conciderable incendio, que cierto se huviera dilatado mas se derribaran algunas casas, con que se extinguiò el fuego, siendo muy grande el daño que se causó: en el mismo barrio sucediò la noche de martes passado una disgracia, y fue que tropeçando en una puente el Sr. Leonardo Loredano Senador desta Señoria, y de las mas Ilustres Casas desta Ciudad, cayò en el rio, y dando con la cabeça en un barco dexò la vida: en la misma noche muriò de supito el Conde Ludovico Vidiman, y lo mismo sucedio al Cavallero Michieli à tiempo que estava holgando y alegrandose con sus amigos, todas estas muertes

Jewish press, East and West

THE history of the Jewish press in America almost merits a study all of its own. Up until 1920 alone 871 different Jewish periodicals appeared in America, including over 50 daily newspapers in Yiddish.

The first Jewish periodical in the US, in 1823, was simply called *The Jew* (its stated aim being "to combat missionary activity among the Jews"). Later there were Jewish papers and periodicals in Ladino, German, Hungarian, Romanian, Polish and Russian. One American newspaper, *Hebrew News*, was even quadrilingual, each issue appearing with articles in Hebrew, English, German and Yiddish. "This multilingual journalistic feat," says Rosenfeld, "is believed to be the only one of its kind, either Jewish or otherwise."

In another major center of Jewish population, the countries of the former Soviet Union, a huge number and variety of Jewish publications have sprung up in recent years.

Papers such as Kol Zion ("The Voice of Zion") and *Yerushalayim de-Litta* ("Jerusalem of Lithuania") have replaced the officially sanctioned communist Yiddish-language papers such as *Sovetish Heimland* ("Soviet Homeland") and *Birobidzhaner Shtern* ("Birobidzhan Star").

"Perhaps no single development," says Rosenfeld, "can testify more persuasively to the spiritual and cultural upheaval that is taking place among the Jews of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union than the flowering of the free, independent Jewish periodical press after decades of suppression." *T.G.*

Former Bush adviser fills in the memory blanks

A man who was found beaten up and suffering from amnesia on a Hawaiian beach three months ago, has just been informed of his identity and connected to a past right out of a Tom Clancy novel.

Philip Cutajar, 37, speaks four languages and is a former US diplomat with secret security clearance who advised former president Bush and a US senator on national security issues. Just how this former Massapequa, New York, resident came to be injured in the sand of Kailua Beach Park on the island of Oahu March 31 is still a mystery. According to his brother, the discovery of his identity has been a shock for Cutajar. He would not be interviewed for this article.

After months of unanswered questions about his past, his family and his very identity, Cutajar spoke with his younger brother, Robert, who confirmed his name and began, at long last, to fill in the blanks.

"It's very overwhelming for him," Robert Cutajar said in a phone interview. "He didn't know our father had died [in 1992]."

After recovering from swelling of the brain after his apparent mugging, Philip Cutajar told hospital staffers that his name was William Charles D'Souza.

His long-term memory seemed stalled in 1988, and was often erroneous.

His short-term memory was nil, and eventually grew to span 48 hours.

Key memories of his past – his name, his address, his alma mater – were wrong, often only slightly. But gradually details of Cutajar's past became evident, and only heightened the mystery.

The last time his family heard from the former foreign service officer was in mid-March, when he told them he was leaving for Haiti and Brazil on a "humanitarian mission."

"He sold all his stuff and gave away his things," his mother, Sally Cutajar, said in a phone interview. "I asked him, 'What humanitarian mission?' He said, 'I'll let you know when I write to you.'"

Weeks later, he turned up on the beach in Kailua. An anonymous emergency call brought local police to Cutajar, who had no wallet or identification. He had only 9 cents, tucked in the watch pocket of his jeans. Drifting in and out of consciousness, he was taken to Castle Medical Center a couple of miles away. "The big question on our mind is how did he end up in the Pacific theater?" Robert Cutajar said.

After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in Russian language and literature from Columbia University in 1985, Philip Cutajar served in the US Embassy in London, the US Consulate in Nice, France, and in 1987 moved on to the volatile embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where, according to his resume and State Department sources, he spent much of his time working to repatriate Haitian "boat people" who were turned back from US shores by the Coast Guard.

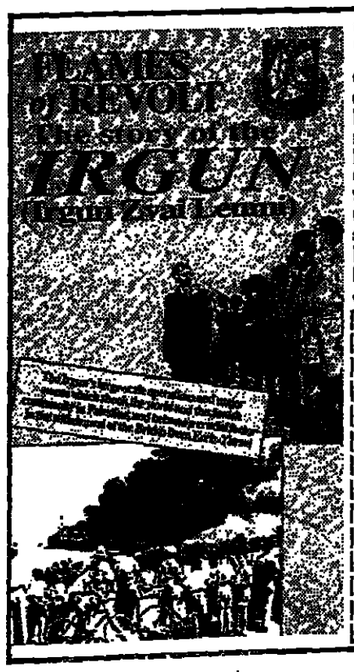
His next stop was at the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs in Washington, DC, where, according to his resume, read to a reporter by Cutajar's mother, he translated classified Russian messages sent to Washington over the "hot line" as part of an arms-control agreement.

Cutajar then worked as an adviser to Bush, where, according to his resume, he "edited and cleared" Bush's "Open Skies" proposal to let US and Soviet spy planes fly over each other's territory.

A State Department official said that he was not able to confirm the assertions in Cutajar's resume.

(Los Angeles Times)





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20 CEOs to meet Arafat in two weeks

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

A DELEGATION of top executives from 20 major local companies will meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat immediately after Rosh Hashana to search for ways of strengthening the economic ties between Israeli and Palestinian enterprises.

The meeting was initiated by Koor Industries CEO Benjamin D. Gaon, who said yesterday that the private sector in Israel cannot sit idly by and must get involved in the peace process.

During the meeting the business leaders will discuss joint ventures and other economic issues, such as the closure and its implications on industrial plants and workers.

It is the task of the leaders of the private sector to cement the peace process, which is irreversible, Gaon said.

Gaon, who openly supported former prime minister Shimon Peres's candidacy in the elections, stressed that his move is not politically motivated and is merely intended to bring together for the first time top economic leaders and the heads of the Palestinian Authority.

Among the top leaders that will attend the meeting will be David Weinshal, president and CEO of Clal; Dov Lautman, head of Delta Galil; Shmuel Dankner, head of the Dankner Group; Bezalel Levin, president of Telrad; and Michael Strauss, head of Strauss Dairies.

The delegation will also comprise heads of the banking sector, including Emanuel Sharon, chairman of Bank Hapoalim; Eitan Raff, chairman of Bank Leumi; and Shlomo Piotrkovsky, general manager of the First International Bank.

Treasury at loss to explain shortfall in internal revenue

DAVID HARRIS

SENIOR Treasury officials don't know what caused the drastic shortfall in internal revenues for August, a senior Finance Ministry official said last night. The official said the shortfall, which emerged from Treasury reports earlier this week, described the figures as "totally unexpected."

Finance Ministry director-general David Brodet refused to discuss the budget crisis.

State income tax revenue is currently NIS1.5 billion short of the level originally forecast by the Treasury, and the annual shortfall could total as much as NIS3.5b. by December.

Income from taxes was NIS7.3b. in August, three percent less than the same month last year.

"There is no common agreement on who is to blame; there will be an internal discussion in the ministry to ascertain the reasons for the shortfall," said the source.

The source said no one has been blaming Tax Commissioner Doron Levy, or head of economics and state revenues at the Treasury, Tzippora Gal-Yam, who are both currently attending a conference in Switzerland. "Maybe this is a sign of a slowdown in the economy," the source added.

The actual shortfall is one of the main reasons the budget deficit from January to August (NIS8.6b.) has already surpassed the planned figure for the whole of 1996 (NIS7.6b.).

In the first eight months, state income from tax was NIS62.3b., a 2% real-term increase from the NIS54.7b. collected in the same period last year.

Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) said the blame for the incorrect forecast lies with former finance minister Avraham Shohat and not the Treasury's professional staff. "Senior officials warned him the forecast was too high, but he ignored their advice," Ravitz said.

The Treasury State Revenue Administration's fiscal forecast, published in February, predicted a 7% real-term increase in internal revenues to NIS99.2b.

The report explained its forecast as an outcome of the economy's anticipated continued growth, the progressiveness of the tax system and "to a certain extent" an expansion of tax rates. Overall, an additional NIS150m. was expected to be collected this year as a result of new and amended legislation.

The Customs and VAT Department raised NIS27.8b. in the first eight months, a 5% increase in real terms on the same period last year.

The lobby against Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel is expected to lay the blame for the shortfall on the central bank's prolonged tight monetary policy.

Ya'acov Gadish, currently a private consultant and formerly head of the Treasury's budget department, said Frenkel's policies "are ruining everything – exports, provident funds, the industrialists."

However, Gadish fell short of calling for Frenkel's resignation. "I neither dismiss nor appoint," he said.

Frenkel must alter his interest rates policy and progressively move the rate of exchange to the middle ground, proposed Gadish. The cabinet-approved, NIS4.9b. budget cuts for 1997 may not go deep enough, Gadish said.



South Korean labor union leaders of the huge conglomerate Daewoo have their heads shaved to demand, among other things, an end to the practice of corporate CEOs giving bribes to top government officials in return for preferential treatment at a rally in central Seoul yesterday. The union leaders were referring to last week's conviction of Daewoo chairman Kim Woo-choong on charges of bribing a former president. (Reuter)

Visiting Korean MP: We want better security ties

DAVID HARRIS

SEOUL wants to improve security links with Israel, according to senior Korean parliamentarians who met here with Israeli leaders.

Bilateral trade between Israel and Korea should double or triple over the next three years to $3 billion, senior Korean politician Lee Han Dong said Monday night.

Lee, tipped to be the next president of the ruling New Korea Party, is on a five-day visit and says Jerusalem should make Seoul its main partner in economics, defense and culture.

During meetings with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and opposition leader Shimon Peres, Lee stressed the opportunities for strategic joint ventures between Israel's high-tech companies and Korean industrialists, saying a combination of the two would be a very strong economic force.

"I think that we both have potential for a boundless increase in trade," said Lee.

Korea is also keen to improve security links with Israel, according to Lee. Both countries have accused North Korea of selling SCUD missiles to Arab countries.

"I believe there will be large investments here from Korea and joint ventures are already being sought," said Israel's first ambassador to Korea Asher Naim.

While Lee, also the Korea-Israeli Congressional Friendship Association chairman, and colleagues from three opposition parties are here, two new organizations have been established to improve relations: the Israel-Korea Friendship Association, which will be chaired by Naim, and its Knesset equivalent, to be headed by Meir Sheetrit.

Last year bilateral trade surpassed $1b.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank Discount offers protection against drop in yields: Bank Discount is offering customers a new service to protect themselves against a drop in yields, by guaranteeing a profit in case index-linked bond yields fall below their base yields.

The new service is intended for investors who expect the situation on the bond market to change and yields to be lower in a year's time.

If the yields fall during this period, the profit from the contract will be higher than the expected profit from investing directly in bonds, but the investor takes upon himself the risk of losing money if yields increase. The bank has set the base rate at 5%, which will be changed from time to time according to the bank's discretion.

Galit Lipkis Beck

60% of retail store customers buy gifts for the holidays: About 60 percent of all retail store customers purchase gifts for the holidays, Co-Op economists reported yesterday. According to the company, 34% of the customers buy household items, 25% chocolates, 12% cosmetic items and household textile items, 10% expensive food products and 7% purchase baskets of products.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Koor invests NIS2.7m. in buying more Tadiran shares: Koor Industries has invested NIS2.7 million in the purchase of additional shares in Tadiran, the company informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange this week. The latest acquisitions have increased Koor's share in Tadiran to 62.07% from 61.9%. The company purchased a total of 44,916 shares in three separate transactions last week.

Koor said the shares were purchased in the framework of its business strategy to increase holding of companies which make up its core business. During the last few months, the holding company has purchased packages of shares in Agan, Makhteshim, Shemen and Knafaim-Arkia Holdings.

Koor completed the first half of the year with a rise in net profit to NIS392m. from NIS339m. during the same period last year. The increase in net income was mainly the result of the improvement in the profitability of Tadiran. For the first half of the year, Koor's share in the net income of Tadiran grew to NIS141m. from NIS11m. during the same period last year.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Sony, Matsushita, Sanyo to buy new Vishay Israel chip: Sony, Matsushita and Sanyo have signed agreements to purchase Vishay Israel's electronic power resistor chip, the company announced yesterday. Vishay recently started to produce the newly patented chip at its plant in Dimona.

Since the chips introduction to the market last year, the product was produced only in Vishay Intertechnology, the parent company's US plant. The company said the chip is good for many applications, including personal computers and automotive engine controls. It is also used in lithium batteries, where it saves space, extends battery life and is cost effective, the company said.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Telrad wins $15m. deal in Ghana

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TELRAD Telecommunications and Electronic Industries, the Lod-based manufacturer of telecom equipment, has signed a $15 million deal with Ghana's telephone firm to provide switch board equipment.

According to the agreement, Telrad will supply DMS-10 and DMS-10 international switches.

General manager Bazalel Levin said the deal is in line with the company's efforts to increase exports and expand activities worldwide.

The contract was signed as the second part of an international tender in which leading telecommunication companies like Siemens and Ericson took part.

The agreement was signed between Levin; Stan Gisella, general manager of Ghana's telephone company; and Ubum Makarai, a member of the board of Ghana's telephone company.

Last month Ghana telecom awarded Motorola (Israel) a $10m. contract to upgrade its phone system.

Sara Lee in Migdal Haemek joint venture

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CHICAGO-BASED food and consumer product conglomerate Sara Lee has formed a joint venture with Migdal Haemek-based Nilit for the manufacture of POY yarns.

The companies refused to disclose the terms of the deal, but said Sara Lee will not be involved in the ownership of Nilit, which will maintain a majority stake in the new company, named S.N. Fibers.

Sara Lee, which is engaged in a broad range of different products, is considered the leading manufacturer of women's hosiery in the world.

The company, which has annual sales exceeding $18 billion, has already been involved in various ventures in the Israeli textile industry.

The new plant is situated on the grounds of Nilit's existing facility in Migdal Haemek, and its output is intended to be purchased by Sara Lee for processing.

Nilit is a manufacturer of nylon yarn mainly for the women's hosiery industry and the producer of nylon polymer for the plastics industry.

The company's sales exceed $100m. per year, most of which is exported.

Over the past few years Sara Lee has expanded its activities in the field of women's hosiery into Europe, Latin America and the Far East.

In Europe the company's products are sold by well-known companies such as Dim, Filodoro and Pretty Polly in Europe.

In the US, the company's pantyhose products are represented by the L'Eggs, Hans and Donna Karan brands.

De Benedetti to step down as chairman of Olivetti

MILAN (Reuter) - Italian tycoon Carlo De Benedetti is stepping down as chairman of electronics group Olivetti, Italian television reported yesterday.

The state RAI television gave no source for the report, which came after the conclusion of an Olivetti board meeting held in Milan.

Company sources later confirmed De Benedetti was stepping down as chairman and would be replaced by a member of the board of directors Antonio Tesone.

However, a spokeswoman for the Olivetti group declined to comment, saying a statement was due later.

Olivetti shares fell more than five percent on the Milan bourse yesterday as rumors abounded about the company's financial problems and on talk of conflict between De Benedetti and new managing director Francesco Caio, who took over from Corrado Passera in July.

ANSA news agency later reported that De Benedetti would also leave the Olivetti board.

The news agency said Caio would be in charge of day-to-day management, while the company was expected to set up an executive committee.

Meridor hears rural sector on budget cuts

DAVID HARRIS

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor will consider claims of the kibbutzim and moshavim that planned budget cuts will have serious repercussions for their settlements.

Representatives of kibbutz industries, farmers from the various agricultural sectors and local councils attended a meeting at the Treasury to discuss their fears.

"There is no refuge from economic considerations, even concerning Zionist areas such as agriculture and settlement," Meridor said. "Because of the current budgetary problem, it is my intention to save every agora I can."

Meridor also said agriculture comprises less than 20 percent of kibbutz incomes. The recent decision to raise water prices to farmers was also justified, he added.

Agriculture, with a NIS150 million reduction, is one of those sectors earmarked for sweeping cuts to its 1997 budget.

Museum Co. to open stores here

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Museum Company, a retail chain specializing in selling licensed reproductions of artworks from some 200 museums around the world, plans to open four stores here, the company said this week.

The stores will be opened next year in Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Haifa and Jerusalem at a total investment of $2.5 million.

Each store will display about 1,000 items.

The company's deputy general manager, William Edwards, is currently in Israel to examine the local retail market and find suitable locations for the stores.

During his visit, Edwards plans to meet with local investors. Judith Shen Dar, general manager of Shendarts, has received the franchise to operate the stores here.

The Museum Company is the largest chain in the world, selling licensed reproductions of artwork from the collections of some of the world's largest museums, including The Metropolitan in New York and the British Museum.

The company buys most of its reproductions from small manufacturers, who pay the museums a 5% to 15% royalty on sales.

The chain has an annual sales turnover of about $80m.

Airbus reveals $3b. in new orders

IAI signs contract with GE to replace Cobra engines

THE FARNBOROUGH AFFAIR

STEVE RODAN and news agencies

EUROPE'S Airbus Industrie yesterday announced $3 billion worth of new orders and traded insults with US giant Boeing Co. over who sold the most planes.

The spat between the two arch rivals dominated Farnborough, one of the world's largest air shows, where bulging order books showed the industry had bounced back from recession.

The European consortium accused Boeing of playing fast and loose with market share figures. Boeing insisted it was still overall leader.

The two also came to verbal blows over sales forecasts and cost estimates for a new generation of "super-jumbo" jets planned by Airbus in its battle to break the Boeing monopoly.

Boeing enlivened the show on Monday by announcing a $6.36 billion package of plane sales.

Airbus fired back yesterday by announcing orders for 44 planes around the world from North America to South Korea.

Sales at the Farnborough fair this year are already three times bigger than they were at the last show in 1994.

Airbus' top order was for 18 A321 short-haul aircraft from South Korea's Asiana, a new customer for Airbus that could hopefully produce other multi-billion dollar sales.

International transport company Federal Express Corp took 11 A300-600 freighter aircraft, Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific bought three more ultra long-range A340-300's and the German airline Condor agreed to buy 12 A320 type planes, although the latter awaits full Condor approval.

Airbus, eager to loosen Boeing's big plane monopoly, is bidding to deliver by the year 2003 its own plane, the A3XX, that would carry 560 passengers.

ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES announced it has signed a contract with General Electric to replace the engines of the Cobra helicopter with the advanced T-700 model.

General Electric executives, announcing the new deal at the Farnborough Air Show outside London that opened on Monday, said their engine division will display the benefits of the T-700 over the existing AH-1 engine currently in Cobra helicopters deployed in the IAF.

No figure for the contract was given.

Louis Bavilacqua, director of GE's engine project, and Ofer Shifrim of IAI's Mata helicopter division, said in a joint statement that "the new engine will give the Cobra an improved transport capability to allow for additional ammunition and the engine, which saves on fuel, will allow it a longer range.

"The project to replace the Cobra engine will improve significantly the operations of the helicopter and reduce maintenance costs and give it a longer life," the statement said.

In another development at Farnborough, Elbit and the Romanian company Aerostar have unveiled the improved Mig-21, called the Lancer.

The improved Soviet-made plane is part of a contract by the two companies to upgrade the Migs for the Romanian force.

Industry sources say the Elbit-Aerostar project is one of the most comprehensive of the Mig upgrades now being performed by former East bloc nations.

The Elbit-Aerostar upgrade, begun in 1993, includes advanced avionics said to have improved the operational capability of the aircraft.

Test flights of the upgraded Mig began in August 1995

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (29.7.96)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.750	4.875	5.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.875	2.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.000	1.125	1.500
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (3.9.96)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep.
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Rates**
Currency basket	3.5083	3.5649	—	—	3.5416
U.S. dollar	3.1193	3.1697	3.06	3.22	3.1400
German mark	2.0968	2.1307	2.06	2.17	2.1175
Pound sterling	4.8677	4.9463	4.78	5.02	4.9148
French franc	0.6129	0.6228	0.60	0.64	0.6192
Japanese yen (100)	2.8554	2.9015	2.80	2.95	2.8834
Dutch florin	1.8703	1.9005	1.83	1.95	1.8863
Swiss franc	2.5775	2.6181	2.53	2.66	2.6032
Swedish krona	0.4897	0.4773	0.46	0.49	0.4731
Norwegian krone	0.4847	0.4926	0.47	0.50	0.4885
Danish krone	0.5424	0.5512	0.53	0.56	0.5461
Finnish mark	0.6935	0.7047	0.68	0.72	0.6987
Canadian dollar	2.2774	2.3142	2.23	2.35	2.2986
Australian dollar	2.4701	2.5100	2.42	2.55	2.4896
S. African rand	0.6981	0.7074	0.63	0.71	0.7023
Belgian franc (10)	1.0181	1.0346	1.00	1.05	1.0261
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9793	3.0274	2.92	3.07	3.0094
Italian lira (1000)	2.0690	2.0923	2.02	2.13	2.0784
Jordanian dinar	4.3400	4.5300	4.34	4.63	4.4229
Egyptian pound	0.8900	0.9600	0.89	0.96	0.9523
ECU	3.9564	4.0203	—	—	3.9965
Irish punt	5.0440	5.1254	4.95	5.20	5.0628
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4827	2.5228	2.44	2.56	2.5070

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Shares higher amid recovery in bond market

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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Two-Sided Index	Maof Index
184.02 +0.72%	194.09 +0.43%

SHARES closed higher in mixed trading following another rise in the bond market, traders said.

The benchmark Two-Sided Index gained 1.31 points, or 0.72 percent, to 184.02 on an all-share turnover of NIS 67 million against NIS 56m. on Sunday. The Maof Index rose 0.43% to 194.09.

"The market continues to rise and looks relatively good. The market has gained almost 6% during the last 10 days, mainly because of the improvement in the bond market," said Zvi Hoffman at Meitav Investment and Securities.

"Activity is still low and the main buyers are portfolio managers who are using the opportunity to buy shares."

Prices of bonds linked to the Consumer Price Index have gained 0.9% in the past week, while unlinked bonds rose 0.5% as provident funds, which were dumping bonds, have halted their sales.

Elite Industries rose 5.50% to 1,116 on volume of NIS 1.9m. Traders said there was no specific reason for the rise, and the company said it was not planning any announcement.

Dead Sea Bromine surged 5.5% to 1,531, but traders said the share rose on low turnover.

Tadiran rose 0.75% to 1,304 after Koor Industries reported it had raised its stake in the company in the past 10 days to 62.07% from 61.9%.

Koor, the most active share, gained 1.5% to 27,081 on high turnover of NIS 7.8m.

"The session opened with nice gains but toward the end of the trading day the market started falling because of high activity of speculators in Maof index options," said one trader.

"The rise we have seen during the last week is an outcome of the improvement in the bond market," he said.

Africa Israel Investments, the second-most active share, rose 2.75% to 483,594 on volume of NIS 2.7m.

Africa's second issue, the third-most active share, surged 6.5% to 367,651 on turnover of NIS 2.6m.

Traders said the only buyer in Africa Israel was its parent company Bank Leumi. Leumi fell 1% to 365. (Reuter)

Euro shares above lows, dollar below highs

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Fears of higher interest rates and news of US missile attacks on Iraq rattled Wall Street and European bourses yesterday, but the markets later fought back, recovering from their lows.

A key US economic indicator which turned out weaker than expected calmed market nerves over the need for higher US rates and took some pressure off stock and bond markets.

The US retaliation for weekend incursions by Iraqi troops into Kurdish areas fired the oil market to post-Gulf War peaks in Asian trading, but oil prices later slipped back and went into reverse in late European business.

Gold and the dollar, often safe havens for funds at times of crisis, eased from earlier highs, although the US currency stayed quite buoyant against the yen in view of Japan's dependence on imported oil.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, October futures for benchmark Brent crude were down 21 cents at $21.78 a barrel in early evening business.

Brent earlier hit a post-Gulf War high of $23.50 in Asian trading to add to a gain of $1.21 on Monday after the UN delayed implementation of an Iraqi oil-for-food deal.

But investors later cashed in some profits in the absence of an escalation of the confrontation.

Gold gained around 60 cents an ounce to $387.50 in early European trade but then showed little net change on the day.

Bullion traders remembered losing a lot of money during the 1990 Gulf War when bullion soared and then collapsed.

The dollar also slipped from earlier highs around 109.45 yen and 1.4912 marks, closing lower against the mark and steady against the yen after a brief rise on news of the US military intervention failed to spark follow-through buying.

A rebound in US stocks and bonds helped the London stock market, Europe's biggest, recover from its lows by the close. The FTSE Index ended 28.5 points lower at 3,855.9.

French stocks fell but finished well above their lows as reassuring US economic data offset nervousness triggered by the missile attacks. Brokers said the strength of oil shares, buoyed by higher oil prices, came to the aid of the bourse. The CAC-40 Index ended down 5.55 at 1,971.43.

German shares closed in the minus column but revived from their lows in late computerized business. The 30-share DAX Index closed floor trade 22.11 adrift at 2,510.77 but revived in later computerized business to 2,528.73.

Dow rebounds, closes higher

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks rebounded from sharp opening losses yesterday, ending mixed, as the bond market shook off another bout of inflation and interest rate worries.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial rose 32.18 points to close at 5,648.39, having bounced back from an early loss of nearly 55 points.

Broad-market indexes recovered from early slides too, with smaller and speculative issues lagging blue-chip and large-company measures.

Stocks followed bonds lower in the morning as last week's inflation worries were aggravated by a published report suggesting the Federal Reserve is primed to hike interest rates aggressively.

The negative tone was compounded by another indication of robust business activity and surging energy prices in commodities trading amid the latest turmoil in Iraq.

But bonds rallied back later in the morning after a widely watched survey of factory purchasing managers revealed no surprises in the growth of the manufacturing sector.

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.1400	-0.12%
Sterling	NIS 4.9148	+0.03%
Mark	NIS 2.1175	-0.16%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	5648.39	+32.18
DJ Transport	2032.51	-12.55
DJ Utils	215.2	+0.84
DJ Comp	1800.24	+3.88
NYSE Industr	447.09	-1.63
NYSE Transport	318.47	-2.45
NYSE Comp	361.76	+0.77
S&P 100	632.8	+3.18
S&P Spot Index	654.73	-2.74
AMEX Comp	557.82	-1.86

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	751	1020	1400
Volume up (in 1000's)			145783
Volume down (in 1000's)			152102

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3855.9	-28.5
Tokyo Nikkei average	20198.1	-91
Singapore all-share index	-	
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	-	

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	38.25	-0.25
Ampal A	4.75	+0.125
Aryt	0.28125	0
BioTechnology	9.375	+0.4375
Carmel Cont	9.5	-0.125
Frutarom (electrochem)	0.75	+0.0625
Elscint	8.25	+0.125
Etz Lavud	6.76	-0.25
Etz Lavud A	5.75	0
Koor Indus.	18.875	-0.375
Laser T.	13.875	-0.125
PEC	17.875	-0.25
Tadiran	25.5	+0
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	5.625	-0.125
Aladdin	11.125	-0.375
Accent	12.75	-0.125
4TH. Dimension	5.625	+0
BVR	7.125	+0.625
Comverse	35.5	-0.25
Data (Defense)	5.25	-0.375
DSP Comm.	47.75	-3.125
ECI	20	-0.625
Edu-Soft	3.375	-0.3125
Electric Fuel	7	+0
EFFI	68.25	+3
Elbit	13.25	+0.125
Elron	11.25	-0.75
Eshed Robotec	0.375	0
M. Systems	8	-0.375
Gilat	18.375	-0.25
ISG	18	+0.5
Geotek	8.875	-0.25
Health Tech	1	-0.03125
Home Center	5.5	-0.375
Idan	0.4375	+0
IIS	1.75	-0.125
Indigo	8.125	-0.5
Isramco	0.71875	+0.09375
First Isr Fund	10.5	+0
Lanoptics	8.25	-0.25
Magal	8.25	-0.3125
Medis-Al	5.25	+0
Mercury	14	+0
Magic	9.625	-0.125
Opal	10.75	-0.25
Orbotech	11.875	-0.375
Oshap Tech	4.125	-0.125
Pharmos	1.5	+0.0625
Rada	3.5	-0.125
Scitex	13.5	+0
Silicom	3.5	0
T.A.T. Technol	1.375	+0.0625
Taro Vit	7.125	+0.125
Teledata	12.5	-0.5
Tower Semicond	6.5	-0.375
Tad. Telecom.	18	-0.25
Teva	35.875	-0.5625
TVG	2.3125	-0.0625
Vocaltec	5.75	-0.25

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5667	+0.0065
	Sep.future (CME)	1.5676	+0.0058
D-mark:	spot	1.464	-0.0022
	Sep.future (CME)	0.6742	-0.002
S-franc:	spot	1.208	-0.0009
	Sep.future (CME)	0.8287	-0.005
Yen:	spot	109.25	-0.1
	Sep.future (CME)	0.00917	-3e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3705	+0.0019
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7302	-0.0012
AusDlr:	spot	0.7817	+0.0023
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7813	+0.0023
F-franc:	spot	5.0791	-0.0059
It Lira:	spot	1514.5	+0.45
Nlg:	spot	1.664	-0.0037
AuSthlg:	spot	-	-
Rand:	spot	4.465	0
ECU:	spot	1.2705	-0.0016
Bonds	Dec.future	107.375	+0.55375
S and P	Sep.future	655.5	+4.15

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	-	-
Dollar	6 months	-	-
Dollar	12 months	-	-
Sterling	3 months	-	-
Sterling	6 months	-	-
Sterling	12 months	-	-
S-franc	3 months	-	-
S-franc	6 months	-	-
S-franc	12 months	-	-
D-mark	3 months	-	-
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	-	-
Yen	3 months	-	-
Yen	6 months	-	-
Yen	12 months	-	-

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1336	-16
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	113.3	-4.95
Sugar no.11 (Oct) (CEC)	12.18	+0.4
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	452.25	-1
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	795.5	+1
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	107.1	-6.75
Crude oil light (Nov)(CEC)	22.88	-0.95

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	959	-10
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1565	-57
Brent crude oil (Nov)(IPE)	-	-

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	388.15	-0.85
Silver:	spot	5.17	-0.01

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	390.5	-0.8
Silver (Dec)	5.208	-0.042
Platinum (Oct)	398.7	-0.2
Palladium (Dec)	127	-0.5
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.9685	+0.0015

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	387.2	+0.3
Gold PM fix	386.6	-0.05
Silver fix	519.7	+1.4

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Name	Price	%chg
Commercial Banks		
IndDevBK	12552	
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
MerkC	174.50	-0.9
MishkanC		
OHH	109461	
Trade	418	
TradeC	198.00	
Mortgage Banks & Finance		
Adanim	358021	
Carmel	356	1.1
FinaMB	31518	-1.5
IndepMB	46570	0.2
J lemC	142.00	
JlemBnk	181.50	
LeumiMBR	42001	-3.5
Mizinv	4353	0.3
TefahotR	137594	
Financial Institutions Insurance		
Adom	190.50	
mivtahsha	459	2.4
nacionale	45.10	
Ayalon	421	1.0
AyalonC		
Eltan		
EltanC1		
Hadar1	347	0.9
Hadar5	317	0.6
HassnmrC	240	
Hamshmr1	1845	
Hamshmr5	1689	
Menorah1	936	
Menorah5	820	
Phoenix5	1729	
Sahar	843	
Zon5	8771	
Trade & Services		
aboodisgn	67.00	
arkia	1345	-1.0
gitok	502	-0.8
hachsara	431	3.9
isebores	127.00	
Ishtau	450	-5.3
meamhid	441	
nmeys	2452	-1.0
nbco	1300	-1.0
radsearti	120.00	
technom	516	5.1
tim	138.00	1.5
wilgar	51.50	
BndWmC1	146.00	
BndWmC2	152.00	0.3
BonoWmt1 L	2581	1.3
Cligg0.1	37143	
Comtec	200	
CorBeach	1288	-1.5
Dalim	1.70	
Danel	990	-0.5
DanHost	834	8.7
Data	473	1.1
DCL	760	3.3
Elad	65.00	
Eltech	488	
Feldman	137.50	
Gali	288	0.4
GanHadar	352	1.7
GanHadC	239	0.4
GranitC1	110.00	
Granit	393	-3.9
GranitW2	4.70	-8.0
Greenbrg	100.00	-2.0
HGIIC1	181.00	
HGIIW1	1.00	
HGII	290	
Inigamart	2262	
Inigam5	2042	
ILDCHOT	292	
Kind	33.50	
Kopel	120.00	-7.3
KopelC1	206	0.5
Lipaz	1126	
Malk	542	-8.8
Madlech	459	
MLLC1	183.00	0.5
MLL1	125.50	
MZPK	448	
Nirum1	735	
Point sale	889	
Repec	1345	
Regency Ho	72.60	4.3
Rashef	87.50	
RashefC1	130.50	
TasmC1	177.00	
Telaya	1058	-0.8
Topline	299	
TrendLin	784	
Yaad	422	-0.9
YaadC1	143.00	0.4
Ytzana	217	
Yoda1	481	2.4
Yona	393	
Industrials		
bbhotashk	158.50	-1.9
imco	439	-0.9
kadoorsgn	167.50	-2.5
lipman	1341	-2.0
marathon	76.00	2.0
phyton	275	3.4
sdlog	818	3.0
tatnauer	826	
vermrix	35.30	10.0
yehodasi	389	2.9
zimetal	648	
AckersC	140.00	2.8
Adumim1	134.00	
Aliance	581	3.0
Alony	189.50	
Alumd11L	8628	
Angel	6183	10.0
Argaman	139.50	0.4
Aryt	97.00	
AryfC1	45.70	-0.4
Achpy	787	8.0
Achpyc1	204	
Ashtrom	358	9.9
Azimon	288	-2.2
AzmonW1	23.00	
Azmum	188.50	-3.1
Belmon	389	
Boule	93.00	3.3
BoulosC1	215	0.5
Brosn1	232	
CaclesC	149.00	
CablesW3	67.00	-15.2
Carcinc		
Cargal	662	-0.3
Cacaro	633	
Cimm	225	
CloSarC	221	
CldSn0 1	1018	-5.0
Clind C8	175.50	0.3
Cyclone1	1544	0.5
Cyclone5	1312	
CyclonC1	169.00	
CyclonC2	58.00	-3.3
Darond	213	-1.8
Dalron1	1978	
Decison	217	-3.1
Degom1	205	-1.0
Delta 1	570	2.4
Delta3	645	2.5
Doxtor	1463	
DubekB	8984	
DubekR	9807	
EdenToc	26.90	0.4
Ekam	209	-3.7
Elcoind	4497	1.5
Elcmcs	472	10.0
ElectG4	297	4.9
EsnoRoic	330	
Evrot	193.00	2.4
Fertz5	842	
Fertil 1	699	
FouchtW1	8346	
Five J	313	-2.8
FrutarC1	240	
FrutarC2		
GeorC1	108.50	
GeorSab	80.00	
GiborW2	1.00	
Goldr	658	-3.5
Hamhol1	305	
Hatehol5	145.00	
Hod	172.00	
Holit	68.00	
IsrCan1	1700	-2.0
Kadmany1	99.00	
Kedem	3508	2.5
KedemC2	197.50	
Keter	439	-0.7
King1	414	
KitanC1	156.50	0.3
Kid	1365	
Kil5	1218	
Lahish1	2938	-0.2
Lipski	2068	2.0
Lodzia1	795	
Lodzia4	693	2.1
LuhotGal	43.70	-2.9
MacPell	381	
Magam	202	-10.2
ManC1	200	
Man1	71.50	
Maxima1	1089	
Maxima5	821	-8.0
Mei Eden	1222	-1.0
Modgal	722	10.1
Mozaica1	570	0.7
Mozaica5	489	
Multlock	786	
Neca	15699	
NacaG1	220	-0.5
NagCaram	183.00	-1.9
Nehush1	711	-2.1
Nehush5	634	
Nevot	848	-1.1
NMC	313	2.5
Ofis	480	
Opnr	254	
Orazit	343	7.9
OrazitC	118.50	
Ortl1	290	-1.0
OrdaPrnt	1650	4.5
Ortex	228	-3.4
PackerW2	1089	1.0
PazChen	316	0.6
Pila	670	-4.0
PolgMA	161.00	4.9
PolgatB	133.00	3.1
PolgatC1	217	
Polishi	275	-5.2
Polygon	183.00	
PolygonC	182.00	
Poseidon	29.10	-2.3
PCB	530	-0.9
Rabintex	62.00	
RabinW	1.30	
Sankoll	134.50	-0.4
Sano1	968	
Senos	838	
Selan	643	
Shemen	8869	0.7
Shiadol	108.00	
Spcms	170.00	15.6
Steel	138.00	
Sunfrost	2573	
Taal	175.50	-2.0
Tadiran	444	3.3
Tesse	160.00	-2.0
Todee	1105	
Tiv	283	
Tobias1	755	
Topper	30.10	4.2
TATC1	213	-2.3
TAT1	273	
Uniber1	768	2.5
Unibar5	398	3.0
Urdan 0.1	415	-3.3
Vaxigo1	184.50	
Vulcon	194.00	-3.0
VulcanC	197.00	
Wardinon	11849	0.5
WardinW3	1041	4.0
YtongC2		
Zahav	138.50	-2.1
Zika1	556	0.5
Zika5	478	
Zkut	2332	-10.0
Zika5	2292	2.2
ZonCab1	382	-4.2
Zohamnd	188.50	
Property, Building & Agriculture		
a.don	132.00	
alonihatz	78.00	5.4
buildpro	242	
grandor	58.00	2.6
jacolehr	119.50	
pendor	110.50	10.0
ravad	229	
tzarfati	358	1.4
waltson	613.8	
y.stang	112.50	-0.9
Adler	143.00	
Arazim	158.50	-5.4
Arazim C1	207	-1.0
Ariedan1	858	
Asele	611	
Assuta	280	
AssutaC1	235	
AzorProp	424	
Bar—Ton1	1388	
Baranoi	349	2.3
Bayside5	23787	0.8
BaysidC1	24228	0.5
BenYakar	1592	-1.2
BenYharC	123.00	3.8
BldgRes	1727	
BLNTIN	783	8.9
Caesarea1	4820	
CohenDev	211	8.2
Contapr	1277	
Danty	582	-0.2
DanKner	1193	-0.3
DenKnarC	176.00	0.6
Darech1	100.00	2.0
Dunber	4421	10.0
Engel	217	3.3
Gazit	408	
GazitW1	89.60	
GoldHous	285	
GzutC1	321	0.8
GldHouseC	228	0.5
Iepro	2014	-1.0
Israloom	1539	
IsraelomC	232	0.4
IsraeC1	220	
Israel0.5	4074	
Israel1	4245	
ICP5	17292	-0.5
Jaysour1	142.00	1.1
Jordan	222	
Lazmich	123.00	
LazmiC1	137.00	
Lasnick	285	
Lishtz1	170.00	
Lishtz5	108.50	
Lumir1	1739	
Lwmam1	546	
MalibuC2	144.50	1.0
Malibu1	689	-9.5
MarLazC2	110.50	0.5
MarLazW3	14.90	
Meliron	992	-0.5
Minrav	948	-1.0
Mishnael	28.80	-10.0
MLT	770	
MTM	931	0.2
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OcliC1	149.00	0.7
OcliW1	858	5.0
Ofolleb	708	
Oz	256	9.9
Pargod	1442	
PriOr	6704	
Rassco	1386	
RedSea	423	-0.2
RogovinTL	741	
Rogovin5	702	-0.6
Roless	482	
Scandia	48.90	-0.2
ScandiaC	112.50	-0.4
Shaked	491	-0.4
Tashluz	314	
UnicomG1	171.00	
Unicom1	77.00	10.0
Investment Companies		
darbent1	327	
Idar	473	2.6
taya	579	
Abec	5.80	-1.7
Ackers1	780	
Ackers2	748	-0.3
AfrsrC	531	4.9
Ampa	88651	
Arad	3417	10.0
Atlan	1441	-0.5
Avner	2.00	
Azr eC2	200	-1.0
Baruch1	1065	
Baruch5	515	
Binyan	24459	
Cla50	8354	2.0
DanbarC	228	0.4
Danbar1	1868	-10.0
DiKDExt	570	5.0
Edgar	98.00	2.8
EdgarC2	159.50	
Eilem	1811	2.5
Emeh	151.00	-7.1
Evergr n	1736	
ExportC4	205	1.5
Gahelet	5234	
Hamon	930	-2.5
Hilen	215	1.4
Heron5	5818	-0.5
Ixcal	768	-0.8
IsrCorp5	15568	-3.0
JoelC1	191.00	
JoelC1A	193.50	
Kardan1	345	-1.7
Kitel	229	3.6
Magor1	1875	0.5
Magor5	1644	
MerEzra	341	-2.6
Mirage	117.00	-0.8
Molott	208	-10.0
Naphtha	22.40	
NatolDS	3.90	
Oler	5847	
Optima	89.50	
Pama0 1	741	
Regent1	193.50	
Rim1	218	2.3
Rim4	217	
SaharDov	1302	
Securit5	1407	0.7
SecuritC	137.00	0.7
SecuritW	400	-8.5
SAPANHASP	510	-1.2
TzurC1	213	
TzurSHmr	91.50	2.2
Unico	3388	-0.2
Yissum	78.00	-5.0
Oil Exploration		
MGN1	610	-1.0
PARALLEL LIST		
Trade & Services		
Property, Building Industrials		
Tibnveal	84.00	

Two-sided trading

	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
Name	Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Price	% Change	Volume Shares
dlnsrht	380			380		4175
electrac	3025	-2.0	1500	3025	-2.0	5816
Ackerlin	263	-1.0		263	-1.1	32523
Afris 0.	494475	2.2	372	483594		116
Afrisr	374085	1.7	312	367651		236
Agan	4871		11200	4871		4539
Agis	1991			1991		1151
Alrov	1200	-8.5		1200	-8.5	413
Azorim	2858		1650	2851	-0.2	2551
ALPM	11455	-1.5	4050	11455	-1.5	175
Baran	2088	5.0	26400	1998		3489
Bezek	732	-1.2	262200	734	-0.9	51432
Cables	1074			1074		78320
Clal Com	8615			8615		1965
Clal Ele	26797	-0.7	5340	26864	-0.5	1600
Clal Tra	865	0.2		865	0.2	28128
Clal 10	7199	-0.7	5250	7235	-0.2	1348
Clalins	1777		1100	1777		16584
Cldstr 5	1113		20400	1113		38163
Clinds	1381	-1.2	48500	1377	-1.5	5119
CoOp	2188	-1.0	3200	2198	-1.0	15375
Danbar 5	1653	-8.0		1653	-8.0	1000
Dead Sea	757	0.7	81900	751		18346
Delek	7484	2.0	2860	7484	2.0	515
DevtMB	13838	-2.0		13838	-2.0	383
Discinv	19272		4140	19079	-1.0	1530
Elbit	13933	-1.7	5200	13897	-2.0	1378
Elco	9246		3040	9246		2965
Elctr 0.	8767			8767		1040
Elite 5	1149	3.0	167400	1116		18865
Elron	11832	-0.2	3400	11803	-0.5	4654
Export	795	0.2	2300	793		30943
FeuchtW5	6436	-0.5		6436	-0.5	244
Fibi	38719		90	38719		240
Formula	1964		5700	1964		6078
Frstint1	30487	0.2	100	30335	-0.2	53
Frstint5	34651	-3.0	45	34651	-3.0	49
Frutarom	224	10.0	13000	224	9.8	
General	7446	0.2	1680	7446	0.3	2934
Hapoalim	441	-1.7	374400	442	-1.6	30334
Hapolm	10417	-5.2	1280	10444	-5.0	2644
IndBldg	282	2.0	17400	282	2.2	19027
Isramco	2.2	0.2	680000	2.2		4455804
IsrCorp1	20310	-2.5	450	20414	-2.0	887
IsChem	258	-1.7	357000	259	-1.5	103522
IDB	1129		76800	1129		42858
IDBDev	5121	0.2	11550	5108		6065
IDLC6	218			218		134535
ILDC	825	-5.2	6900	821	-5.7	2762
Jal-ora	793	3.2	22000	791	3.0	16844
JEC	693	-0.5		693	-0.4	3491
JOEL	147.5			147.5		25555
Kardan5	242	-4.2	30000	242	-4.3	16500
Kitan	322			322		47593
Koor	26607	-1.7	8305	27081		2874
Leumi	360	-1.2	175000	361	-1.1	50174
Makhtesh	1750	-0.5	31900	1750	-0.5	16047
Malibu5	600	-4.2	46000	600	-4.3	19680
Maman	616	10.0	44000	616	10.0	169120
Marit1	1091	-0.5	4500	1091	-0.5	7744
Mashov	275	-2.0		275	-2.1	10223
Mehadrin	7665		260	7665		711
Mishkan	25337	0.7		25337	0.8	323
Mivtah	854	1.2	1900	854	1.3	14587
Nice1	7751		280	7751		3227
Ocif	5844	-3.7	270	5875	-3.2	620
Ormat	293	-2.0		293	-2.0	14104
Osem	1825	-2.2	19200	1830	-2.0	5399
PazoilEx	277	-1.0		277	-1.1	7150
Pecker	5623	1.2		5623	1.2	1075
Periclas	1381	0.2		1381	0.2	9566
Petrchem	1229	1.2	4200	1214		2784
Phoenix1	2169			2169		783
Piryon	9152	0.7	780	9084		1554
Rogosin	1502	0.5	1200	1502	0.5	1817
Secom	178.0	-0.2	48000	177.5	-0.6	101141
SolaPump	14.6	-10.0	198000	14.6	-9.9	
Shiton	7332	0.2	1920	7314		4000
SupersB	7025	0.5	9520	6990		11502
Tamboue	502	2.0		502	2.0	48830
Team	2607	0.2	750	2626	1.0	1177
TefahotB	144801			144801		183
Tempo1	994			994		2625
Teva	115012	-0.2	2190	115300		387
TAT5	235	-0.2		235	-0.4	83465
Ytong	721	-1.0		721	-1.0	1200

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg
NEW YORK		
Alza	27.5	+0.125
AMP Inc	37.375	-0.875
AMR Corp	82	+0
ASA	39.875	+0.375
Abbott Labs	45.5	+0.5
Advanced Micro	12.5	-0.25
Aetna Life	65	-1.125
Affiliated Publ	8.5	+0.125
Aflac	33.625	-0.75
Ahmanson (HF)	25.375	+0.125
Air Prods	53.875	-0.875
Alberto-Culv B	41	-0.375
Albertson's	42.25	-0.125
Alcan Aluminum	31.5	+0.125
Alco Standard	43.75	+0.125
Alex & Alex	15.75	+0
Allegheny Power	29.375	-0.25
Allied Signal	61.875	+0.125
Alcoa	62.875	+0.75
Amax	32.375	-0.625
Amdahl Corp	9.5	-0.4375
Amerada Hess	52.625	+1.75
Amer Brands	41	+0.375
Amer El Power	40.875	-0.625
Amer Express	43.25	-0.5
Amer Genl Corp	38.5	+0
Amer Greeting	25.625	-0.125
Amer Home Pr	59	-0.25
Amer Int'l	94.875	-0.125
Amer Natl Ins	69	-0.25
Amer Power Conv	13.625	-0.25
Amer Stores	40.5	-0.625
Amer T & T	52.375	-0.125
Ameritech	51.125	-0.625
Ametek Inc	18.5	+0.125
Amgen	58.125	-0.125
Amoco	68.75	+0.75
Analog Devices	23.875	-0.25
Anheuser-Busch	75	-0.75
Aon Corp	50	-0.5
Apple Computer	24.125	-0.125
Applied Magnetics	14.625	+0
Archer Daniels	17.75	+0
Armco	4.625	+0.25
Armstrong World	61.375	-0.5
Asarco	26.125	+0.25
Ashland Coal	24	+0.375
Ashland Oil	37.75	+0.625
AST Research	6.0625	-0.3125
Atlantic Richfld	121.25	+4.5
Auto Data Pro	41.375	-0.125
Autodesk	22.75	-0.25
Avery Dennison	51.375	+0.25
Avnet Inc	47	+0.25
Avon Products	47.125	-0.75
Balmco Corp	8.375	-0.125
Baker Hughes	30.5	+0.25
Ball Corp	23.375	-0.25
Bally	27	-0.25
Baltimore Gas	25.875	-0.125
Banc One Corp	38.375	+0
Bandag	46.875	-0.25
BankAmerica	77.375	-0.125
Bank of Boston	52.75	+0
Bank of New Yk	28	+0.125
Bankers Trst NY	78.125	+0.375
Barnett Banks	67.125	+1.5
Battle Mount Gd	8.75	+0.25
Bausch & Lomb	32.625	-0.5
Baxter Intl	43.625	-1.125
Bay Network	28.375	-1.125
Becton Dickinson	40.625	-0.25
Bell Atlantic	55.875	-0.375
Bell Industries	18.625	-0.125
BellSouth	38.25	+0
HA Belo Corp	39.75	-0.375
Beneficial Corp	58	-0.375
Bethlehem Steel	10.75	+0.5
Beverly Enteps	9.875	-0.375
Biomet	15.25	-0.375
Black & Decker	39.625	+0.125
Boeing	90.625	+0.125
Boise Cascade	33.625	-0.125
Bowater Inc	35	+0
Briggs & Strtn	43.625	+0.125
Bristl Myrs Sqb	87.25	-0.5
Brit Airws ADR	80.5	-1.75
Brit Steel ADR	29.375	+0.25
Brit Telecom	59	+0.375
Brooklyn Union	28.875	-0.25
Brown Group	19	+0
Brown & Sharpe	12	-0.25
Browning Ferris	25.625	+0.125
Brunswick	20.875	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	79.125	-0.875
CBS Inc	19.75	-0.25
CMS Energy Corp	29.875	+0
CPC Intern	68.875	+0
CSX Corporation	50	-0.625
Cabot Corp	27.5	+0
Campbell Soup	65.625	+0.5
Capital Cts ABC	53.125	-0.125
Carolina Pwr Lt	34.625	-0.25
Carpenter Tech	33.875	+0.125
Caterpillar	69.375	+0.5
Centerior Energy	7.75	+0.125
Centex Corp	31.875	-0.25
Central & SW	26.125	-0.25
Ceridian	41.625	-1
Champion Intl	43.25	+0.25
Chrng Shoppes	7	+0.3125
Chase Manhattan	75.125	+0.75
Chevron Corp	59.875	+1
Cheyenne Sftware	18	-0.5
Chiquita Brands	12.625	+0
Chrysler	28.625	-0.625
Chubb Corp	44.5	+0.25
Cisco	53.75	+1
Citicorp	84	+0.75
[illegible]	32	-0.125
Clevel Cliffs	39.875	-0.125
Clorox	93	-0.625
Coastal Corp	40.375	+0.75
Coca Cola	50.75	+0.75
Coca Cola Ent	40.5	+0.125
Colgate Palmolv	81.625	+0.375
Comcast Corp A	18.125	+0
Compaq	58.375	-0.25
Compute Ass Int	53.5	+1
Computer Sci	70	+0
Conagra	42.125	+0
Cons Edison	26.25	+0.125
Cons Freightwys	22.75	-0.25
Cons Nat Gas	55	+0.625
Cons Rail	88.5	+0.375
Cooper Inds	40.125	-0.375
Coors (Adolph)	19.75	-0.25
Corning Inc	38.875	-0.375
Crane	39.5	-0.25
Crompton Knowles	15	+0
Crown Cork Seal	46.75	+0
Cummins Engine	38	+0.375
Curtiss-Wright	53	0
Cypress Semicon	11	-0.625
Cyprus Mineral	21.125	-0.125
Cytec Indust	33.75	-1
DQE	27.625	-0.125
Dana Corp	29.5	-0.5
Data General	11.125	-0.125
Dayton Hudson	34.25	-0.25
De Beers	30.875	+0
Deere	40.375	+0.625
Detrn Pwr & L	20.375	-0.125
Delta Air Lnes	68.875	-2
Deluxe Corp	37.5	-0.75
Detroit Edison	28.25	-0.25
Dial Corp Del	11.75	+0.25
Diebold Inc	51.875	+0.5
Digital Equip	37	-1.625
Dillard Dep St	33.75	-0.25
Disney (Walt)	58.875	-0.125
Dominion Res	37.375	+0
Donnelley (RR)	32.375	-0.25
Dover Corp	43.375	-0.5
Dow Chemicals	78.5	-0.25
Dow Jones	38.25	-0.375
Dresser	29.75	+0.125
DSC Comm	29.125	-0.625
Duke Power	46.625	-0.125
Dun & Bradst	57.625	+0
Du Pont	83.5	+1.375
Du Pont	83.5	+1.375
E G & G Corp	18.875	+0.125
Eastern Ent	38.75	+0.125
Eastman Kodak	72.25	-0.25
Eaton Corp	56.125	+0.75
Ecolab Inc	30.125	-0.375
Emerson Elec	84.375	+0.625
Engelhard Corp	18.75	-0.625
Enron Corp	40.625	+0.5
Enserch Corp	20.625	+0.5
Entergy Corp	25.5	+0.125
Enzo Biochem	17	+0.375
Ethyl Corp	9	+0
Exxon	83.625	+2.125
FMC Corp	64.625	+0.625
FPL Group	43.875	-0.375
Fedders Corp	6.375	+0.5
Federal Express	74.125	-0.75
Federal Mogul	17.125	-0.125
Fed Nat Mtge	31.625	+0.625
Federal Ppr Bd	-	-
Fieldcrest Can	18.125	-0.375
First Bank Sys	62.75	-0.5
First Chicago	42.5	-0.125
First Interst	-	-
First Union	63.625	-0.25
Fruit of the Loom	27.75	+0
Fst Mississipp	28.625	-0.25
Fst Union Rlty	6.75	+0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	42.125	+0.375
Fleetwd Enterp	27.625	-0.125
Fleming Cos Oh	15.75	-0.25
Florida Prog	33.625	-0.375
Fluor Corp	63.5	-0.5
Food Lion Inc	7.875	-0.1875
Ford Motor	33.25	-0.25
Foster Wheeler	42	-0.125
Freeport McMoR	37	+2.625
Galoob Toys	28.5	+0.125
GATX Corp	46.75	+0.5
GTE Corp	38.875	-0.5
Gannett	67.125	+0.125
Gap Inc Del	34.5	-0.5
Gencorp	13.75	-0.125
Gen Am Invest	21.875	-0.125
Gen Dynamics	64.25	+0.125
Gen Electric	84	+0.875
Gen Mills	55	+0
Gen Motors	49.875	+0.25
Gen Motors H	55.625	-0.25
Gen Public Util	30.875	-0.625
Gen Re	144.125	-0.75
Gen Signal	40.625	-0.5
Gen DataComm	11	+0.125
Genuine Parts	42.875	+0
Georgia Pac	74	-0.375
Gillette	64.125	+0.375
Glaxo ADR	28.625	+0.125
Golden W Finl	55.375	-0.125
Goodrich (BF)	37.5	+0
Goodyear Tire	45.5	-0.125
Grace (W&R)	66.875	+1.25
Grainger (WW)	67.25	-0.25
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28.5	-0.25
Grt Central Mine	9	-0.125
Grt Western Finl	24.75	+0
Halliburton	53.375	+0.75
Hanna (MA)	21.625	-0.125
Harcourt	47.75	-0.125
Harley Davidson	41.625	+0.625
Harnischfeger	37.625	-0.125
Harrah's Ent	18.5	-0.5
Harris Corp	61.25	-0.25
Hasco Corp	60.125	-0.75
Harnmax	4.75	-0.125
Hasbro	36.875	+0.125
Hecla Mining	7	+0.125
Heinz (HJ)	31.75	+0.25
Helix Technol	25.125	-0.375
Hmrch & Payne	40.25	+0.75
Hercules	49.875	+0.125
Hershey Foods	87	-0.125
Hewlett Packard	44.625	+0.875
Hilton Hotels	108.75	-0.125
Home Depot	52.875	-0.25
Homestake	17	+0.5
Honeywell	59.125	+1
Hormel (Geo)	22	+0.75
Household Intl	78.75	-0.5
Houston Inds	21.5	-0.25
Humana	18.75	+0
Humana	18.75	+0
IBM	115.25	+0.875
Illinova Corp	25.375	-0.75
Illinois Tool	69.25	+0.25
INCO	32.125	-0.125
Ingersoll Rand	42.625	-0.125
Inland Steel	18.875	+1.625
Intel Corp	81.625	+1.8125
Intergraph	9.125	+0
Interlake	3.125	+0
Intl Fmly Entt	17.875	-0.125
Intl Flav & Fr	43.375	+0.375
Intl Multifoods	18.625	+0
Intl Paper	40.125	+0.125
Interpublic	45.25	+0
ITT Corp	53.875	+0.625
ITT Corp	53.875	+0.625
James River Ba	25.875	-0.125
Jefferson Pilt	51.125	-0.25
Johnson & J	49.125	-0.125
K Mart	10.125	+0.125
Kaiser Alum	12.375	+0.25
Kellogg	69.375	+1.875
KLA Instruments	19.25	-0.5
Kennametal	31.375	+0.125
Kerr-McGee	59.375	+2
KeyCorp	40.125	+0
Kimberly-Clark	78.125	-0.125
King World Prod	34.75	-0.5
Knight Ridder	34.25	+0.5
Kroger	42.375	+0
LSI Logic	21.625	-0.25
Leggett & Platt	28.5	+0
Leucadia Natl	23	+0.25
Lilly (Eli)	58.75	+2.5
Limited Inc	18.625	+0.125
Linear Technol	34	+0
Lincoln Natl	44.5	+0.25
Litton	46.25	-0.375
Liz Claiborne	33.875	-0.875
Lockheed Corp	85	+0.875
Loews Corp	74.875	+0.125
Lone Star	33.5	+1
Long Island Lt	17.375	+0.125
Longs Drug Strs	39.375	-0.625
Loral Corp	14	+0
Louisiana Land	57.75	+0.875
Louisiana Pacf	21.625	-0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	36	-0.125
Lucent Tech	38.5	-0.375
Lubrizol	28.5	+0.125
MCI Commun	25.375	+0.25
Mallinckrodt	40.375	-0.125
Manor Care	34.5	+0.125
Mapco Inc	53.75	-0.125
Marriott	54.375	-0.5
Marsh & McLn	92.125	-0.875
Martin Marietta	171	+0.875
Marvel	8.5	-0.25
Masco Corp	29.375	+0.125
Massmutual Corp	36	-0.25
Mattel Inc	28.25	-0.125
Maytag Corp	19.875	-0.25
McDermott	21.125	+0.375
McDonalds	46.375	+0
McDonnell Dglas	50	-0.125
McGraw Hill	40.875	-0.125
McKesson Corp	42.625	+0
Mead Corp	58	+0.75
Medtronic	54.125	+2.125
Mellon Bk	55.5	+0.125
Melville Corp	42.75	+0.5
Mentor Graphics	13.8125	+0.125
Mercantile Strs	53.125	+0.375
Merck Inc	65.125	-0.5
Meredith Corp	42.75	-0.25
Merrill Lynch	62	+0.75
Micron Technol	22.25	-0.5
Microsoft Corp	123.375	+0.875
Millipore	38.75	+0.5
Mine Safety App	49.5	+0.625
Minnesota Mine	68.375	-0.375
Mitchell Energy	19	+0.5
Mobil Corp	115.375	+2.375
Mobile Telecom	13.75	-0.125
Molex Inc	31	+1.25
Monarch Machine	8.5	-0.125
Monsanto	31.625	-0.5
Morgan (JP)	88.5	+1
Morton Intl	38.625	-0.5
Motorola Inc	53.5	+0.125
Murphy Oil	44.5	+0.75
Nacco Inds	48.5	+0
Nalco Chemical	32.25	+0.125
Nashua Corp	13.375	+0
Natl City Corp	38.375	+0.75
Natl Semi	18	-0.5
Natl Serv Ind	37.75	-0.25
NatWest Bank	61.875	-0.125
Navistar Intl	9.625	-0.125
Netscape	38.625	+1.25
New England El	32.5	-0.125
News Corp	21.25	+0
NY State El Gas	21.75	+0.25
NY Times A	31	-0.25
Newmont Mining	53.625	+0.75
Niag Mohawk	8.25	+0
Nicor Inc	32	+0.625
Nike Inc	107.625	-0.375
NL Industries	10.25	-0.75
Noble Affil	40.125	+0
Nordstrom	39.125	+0.125
Norfolk Southrn	83.125	-0.25
Northeast Util	12.625	-0.125
Novell	11.125	+0.6875
Nthn States Pwr	44.75	-0.875
Northrop	71.75	+0
Norwest Corp	37.75	+0.125
NSI	16.125	-0.375
Nynex Corp	42.5	-0.625
Occidental Pet	23.625	+0.375
Ogden Corp	19.5	-0.125
OEA	39.25	+0.625
Ohio Casualty	32.75	+0.875
Ohio Edison	20.75	-0.25
Olin Corp	78.875	-0.375
Omnicom Group	44.625	-0.75
Oneok Inc	27.5	+0.125
Oracle Systems	37.375	+2.125
Oryx Energy Co	17.875	+0.375
Oshkosh B'gosh	17	+0
Outboard Marine	17	+0.25
Overseas Ship	18.625	-0.125
Owens Corning	36.875	+0.5
PHH Group	29.125	+0.25
PNC Financial	31.75	+0.5
PPG Industries	49.5	+0.125
Paccar Inc	45	-0.25
Pacificorp	20	-0.125
Pac Enterprises	30.125	+0.25
Pac Gas & Elect	23	+0.375
Pac Telesis	32.375	+0
Pall Corp	23.75	+0.25
Panh Eastern	33.625	+0.5
Parker Drilling	7.25	+0.25
Parker Hannifin	39	+0
Penney (JC)	53.625	+0.75
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22.375	-0.125
Pennzoil	54.25	+0.875
People's Energy	34.375	+0.375
Pepsico	28.625	-0.125
Perkin Elmer	52	+0.125
Pfizer	71.125	+0.125
Pharmacia & Upj	42	+0
Phelps Dodge	60.125	-0.375
Philadel Elec	23.625	-0.125
Philip Morris	89.5	-0.25
Phillips Elec	33.5	-0.375
Phillips Pet	41	+0.5
Pioneer Hi Bred	55.375	+0.25
Pitney Bowes	48.5	+0.25
Policy Mgt Sys	35.625	+0.375
Polygram	9.25	+0.125
Potash Corp	73.625	-2.375
Potomac El Pwr	24.375	-0.25
Procter & Gamble	89	+0.125
Pub Svc Enterpr	27.25	+0.125
Pug Snd Pwr	22.75	-0.125
Quaker Oats	33.25	+0.375
Qualcom	42.5	-0.8125
Quanex Corp	23	+0.75
RJR Nabisco	26.25	-0.125
Ralston Purina	62.5	+0
Rank Organ ADR	14.375	-0.125
Raychem Corp	69.5	-0.125
Raytheon	52.125	+0.625
Reebok Intl	35.75	-0.25
Reynolds Reyn A	48.75	-0.375
Reynolds Metals	54	+0.5
Rite Aid Corp	32	+0.125
Roadway Services	16.875	-0.5
Rockwell Intl	51.125	-0.875
Rohm & Haas	62.375	-0.125
Rohr Industries	20.75	-0.125
Rouse	25.75	-0.125
Rowan	18	+0.625
Royal Dutch	152.875	-3.5
Rubbermaid	26.5	+0
Ruddick	12.875	+0
Russell Corp	32.25	+0.25
Ryder System	28.125	+0
Rymer Co	0.5625	+0
SPS Technology	63	0
Safeco Corp	33.25	+0.125
Safety-Kleen	17.375	+0.125
St Paul's Cos	51.375	-0.375
Salomon Inc	45.125	+0.125
San Diego Gas	22.625	-0.25
Sara Lee Corp	31.75	+0.25
Schering Plough	55.875	+0
Schlumberger	86	+1.625
Scientif Atlanta	13.125	-0.375
Scripps	44.375	-0.125
Seagate Tech	48	-2
Seagram	33	-0.125
Sears Roebuck	43.625	-0.375
Sensormatic Elec	18	-0.375
Service Corp I	28.25	+0.125
Service Master	23.625	-0.25
Shared Medical	54.0625	-0.5625
Shell Trans	89.25	+1.75
Sherwin Wlliams	43.375	-0.375
Shoney's Inc	9.25	+0.125
Sigma Aldrich	53	+0.25
Silicon Graphics	23.375	+0.125
Skyline Corp	25.75	+0.375
Smith Intl	34.375	-0.375
SmKline Bchm A	58.75	+0.5
Snap-On-Tools	48.125	+0.5
Sonat	44.375	+0.25
Sonocco Prods	29.375	-0.25
Sony Corp ADR	82.75	-0.5
Southdown	23.25	+0
Southern Co	22.375	-0.125
Sth N Eng Tel	37.875	-0.25
Southw Airlines	22.5	-0.25
Southwestn Bell	48.375	-0.25
Spring Inds	45	-0.125
Sprint Corp	40.5	-0.25
Standard Prods	22.75	-0.25
Stanley Works	27	-0.5
Stone Container	13.75	-0.125
Storage Technol	37	-1
Stratus Comp	18.375	-0.375
Sun America	3.75	-0.125
Sun Company	24	+0.375
Sundstrand	38.375	-1
Sun Microsystems	54.625	+0.25
Suntrust	38.5	+0.125
Supervalu	28.25	+0.125
Symantec	9.5	-0.25
Sysco Corp	32.5	+0.375
TJX Cos Inc	31.5	-0.5
TRW Inc	93.5	+1
Tambrands	42.5	+0
Tandem Comp	10.625	+0.125
Tandy Corp	43.125	-1
Telecom Corp	15	+0.125
Temple Inland	49.125	-0.25
Tenneco	49.875	+0.125
Teradyne	15.75	+0.25
Tesoro Pet	13.125	+0.375
Texaco	91.875	+3.125
Texas Instrmnts	46.75	-1
Texas Utilities	40.625	-0.375
Textron	88.25	-0.125
Thiokol	44.75	-0.125
Thomas & Betts	37.125	+0.375
ThreeCom	48.875	+0.125
Time Warner	33	-0.375
Times-Mirror	44	+0.625
Timken	38	+0
Torchmark	42.75	+0.25
Tosco Corp	48.25	+0.25
Total Pet N Am	10.625	+0.125
Toys R Us	29.375	+0
Transamerica	68.5	+0.375
Transco Energy	43.875	-0.375
Travelers Grp	44.25	+0.875
Tribune	71.625	-0.25
TRINOVA Corp	31.25	-0.125
Triton Energy	45.875	+0
TWA	12.625	-0.625
Tyco Labs	42.375	+0.125
Tyler	1.75	-0.125
UAL Corp	47.5	-0.5
USG Corp	28.5	+0
UST Inc	30	+0
USX Marathon	21.75	+0.875
USX-US Steel	29.5	+2
Unicom Corp	23.25	+0.25
Unilever NV	61.625	+0
Union Camp	48.625	+0.125
Union Carbide	43	-0.25
Union Electric	37.25	-0.125
Union Pacific	72.25	-0.625
Unisys Corp	8	+0.125
USAir Group	17.375	-0.5
USF&G Corp	16.625	+0.5
US Home	22	-0.25
US Life	29.125	-0.125
US Robotics	52	-0.5
US Surgical	35.875	-0.625
US Trust	55.75	+0.25
US West	28.625	-1
United Tech	113	+0.25
Unocal Corp	35.125	+0.875
VF Corp	59.375	+0.625
Valero Energy	21.375	+0.25
Varian Assoc	45.625	+0
Viacom Inc	30.75	-0.5
Vishay	19.875	-0.25
Vulcan Materials	58.25	+0.375
Wachovia	46	+0.25
Walgreen	33.25	+0.375
Wal-Mart Stores	28.375	+0
Warner-Lambert	59.875	-0.375
Wash Gas Light	22	+0.125
Washington Post	321.25	-2
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	+0.25
Watkins-Johnson	20.125	+0.125
Weis Markets	33.625	-0.5
Wells Fargo	252.5	+3.75
Wendy's Intl	20.125	-0.125
Westinghouse El	16.625	+0.25
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Maccabi TA beats Aris, faces Panionios tonight

JOEL GORDIN

THE "new-look" Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team last night won its first game of the season at Yad Eliyahu, beating Aris Saloniki 82-76 in the first night of the Tel Aviv Basketball Tournament.

The Israeli club will meet Panionios, 91-73 victors over Bayer Leverkusen in the tournament's first game last night, in tonight's finals starting at 9 pm. The Germans and Aris will duel for third place in the earlier game at 7 pm.

Those among the Maccabi fans who came expecting fireworks from their heroes were disappointed. The Israeli champions still have many bolts to tighten, both on defense and offense.

Maccabi held onto a slim lead throughout the dull, slow-moving first half. For most of the play, coach Zvi Sherf favored the shorter, faster-moving combination of Nadav Henefeld, Brad Leaf, Doron Sheffer, Buck Johnson and Randy White. However, much of their play lacked polish and they threw away a number of points by careless losses of possession.

Maccabi's play, however, improved after the break. Derek Sharp, White and especially Johnson put together some fiery, fast moves and piled up a lead which Aris was unable to overtake. Johnson led Maccabi with 24 points.

He was followed by White (18) who, however, showed touches of the aggressive streak which landed him in much trouble in recent years in the European leagues. Sharp could well prove to be a second Willie Sims, coming off the bench and injecting fight into his team at crucial moments.

Sheffer and Oded Katash did not live up to expectations. The former still has a lot of jet-lag to overcome after his three years of Big East ball. His play is not yet suited to the slower moving European game. Still, nothing succeeds like success and Sherf and the Maccabi management can be satisfied with last night's result.

For the visitors, Yanis Siotis scored 15 and Charles Shackleford and Jose Ortiz each sank 14. The Aris coach made few changes during the game, seemingly neglecting crack players like Mario Boni, who saw little court time.

Panionios 91
Bayer Leverkusen 73

In the earlier match, the German coach, Dirk Beumann apologized in a post-game TV interview for the poor performance of his team.

However neither he nor his squad was to blame. Following the US's attack on Iraq, both Leverkusen's American players, Kevin Pritchard and Tony Dawson, fled the country yesterday afternoon, refusing to remain in a "war zone." To boot, the second Leverkusen guard, Michael Brenen, was hurt and could not take the court.

The depleted German squad gave up the ghost before the opening buzzer and the result was a one-sided, boring game. Panionios led by 25 to 30 points for most of the play with Leverkusen only making up ground during garbage time at the end.

There was, however, a development which added some color, at least for Israeli fans. Beumann received permission to add former National Basketball Leaguer Gilad Katz to the squad for the contest. The point guard has been overlooked by Israeli teams and is hoping for a place in a European club. Katz, who is recovering from an injury, put up a creditable performance, scoring 10 points, three assists and three rebounds.

Maccabi coach Zvi Sherf was keeping an eagle eye on Panionios, a team Maccabi meets early in the European Champions League. However, there was little to be learned from the performance in such a cake-walk. There were a few bright moments for the Greek squad on offense with Panis Christodolou (17 points) in the vanguard.

Sheff Wed wins, goes 5 points clear

SHEFFIELD (Reuter) – Sheffield Wednesday maintained its 100 percent record and went five points clear at the top of the Premier League on Monday by beating newly-promoted Leicester City 2-1.

Wednesday, who escaped relegation on the final day of last season, has now made its best start in 65 years, winning its first four matches and scoring twice in every game.

Joseph Hoffman
Sports Editor



DOWN AND OUT – Dallas Cowboys RB Emmitt Smith suffered a back injury and is likely to miss next week's game against the Giants. (AP)

Bears top Cowboys, Smith carried off

CHICAGO (AP) – The Dallas Cowboys' season-opener was already lost. Then the defending Super Bowl champions really lost Monday night, as four-time NFL rushing champion Emmitt Smith was carted off the field with an injury.

By the time Smith got hurt while diving over the top of defenders after a fake handoff with 3:41 to go, the Cowboys already were beaten by the Bears. Chicago used two trick plays and an intense defensive effort to win 22-6.

The Cowboys said after the game that Smith had pain up and down his back but had movement of all his extremities, and team officials said X-rays showed no serious damage.

Team physician Dr. Robert Vandermeer said early yesterday he was "fairly positive" Smith would not be able to play Sunday against the New York Giants. He said it was possible that Smith might be able to play in two weeks.

Deion Sanders lived up to his reputation as a prime-time player in becoming the NFL's first two-way starter in three decades. Even his participation in 107 plays wasn't enough, however, to keep the Cowboys from losing their opener for only the second time in seven years.

Raymont Harris caught three passes for 103 yards and was on the receiving end of both of Chicago's trick plays. The Bears' defense contained a Dallas offense that obviously missed suspended receiver Michael Irvin and injured tight end Jay Novacek.

The Bears, whose defensive collapse cost the team a playoff spot last season, held Smith to 70 yards on 18 carries and hounded quarterback Troy Aikman all game. The defense clinched the victory with 8:47 to play, when Aikman fumbled as he was sacked by blitzing Kevin Miniefield and Bryan Cox recovered in the end zone for a 22-3 lead.

Smith got hurt on Dallas' next possession, landing on his neck and shoulder as he came down to the Soldier Field turf. The game was delayed for about 10 minutes as medical personnel immobilized Smith's body and carefully lifted him onto a motorized cart.

It was a horrible ending to a horrific game for the Cowboys, who played nothing like champions.

Greenwell has 9 RBIs in Bosox win; Cone triumphs in return

SEATTLE (AP) – Mike Greenwell set a major league record by driving in all nine Boston runs, the final one scoring on his single in the 10th inning to give the Red Sox a 9-8 win on Monday night.

Greenwell, who had four of Boston's seven hits, hit a two-run homer, a grand slam, a two-run double and his single to account for all nine runs. By driving in all his team's runs, Greenwell broke the record of eight RBIs shared by George Kelly of the New York Giants (1924) and Bob Johnson of the Philadelphia Athletics (1938).

In the 10th, Will Cordero and Jeff Manto walked with one out. Greenwell followed with an RBI single to left off Rafael Carmona (6-3).

Alex Rodriguez hit his 35th homer for the Mariners.

Yankees 5, Athletics 0

David Cone's first start since having an aneurysm removed from his pitching arm four months ago was dramatic – and nearly historic.

Cone, coming back from shoulder surgery that some thought might end his season, pitched seven hitless innings in New York's win in Oakland.

His chance to join Mariano Rivera on the first combined no-hitter in the major leagues since 1991 was ruined when Jose Herrera beat out an infield single with one out in the ninth.

Cone, whose fingers were numb and blue after his previous start on May 2, struck out six and walked three before Yankees manager Joe Torre removed him after 85 pitches. Cone (5-1) had been on a 100-pitch limit, but allowed two hard-hit balls in the seventh.

Cecil Fielder hit his 33rd homer for the Yankees.

Ariel Prieto (4-7) took the loss.

Orioles 12, Angels 8

Todd Zeile hit his first two home runs for visiting Baltimore, and the Orioles homered five times.

The win moved the Orioles into a tie with the Chicago White Sox for the AL wild-card spot, and kept Baltimore four games back of first-place New York in the AL East.

Wild Card Race

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	73	64	.533	–
Chicago	74	65	.532	–
Seattle	71	66	.518	2
Boston	71	67	.514	2½

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	75	62	.547	–
Montreal	74	62	.544	½
St.Louis	73	65	.529	2½
Colorado	71	68	.511	5

Brady Anderson and Bobby Bonilla each hit solo homers and Chris Hoiles had a two-run shot for Baltimore. Eddie Murray, though, remained at 499 career homers.

The Orioles' homer barrage helped Mike Mussina (18-9) win for the seventh time in his last eight decisions.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cardinals 8, Astros 7

Ozzie Smith slid home with the winning run on Willie McGee's single – his fourth hit – in the bottom of the 10th inning as St. Louis closed within a half-game of NL Central-leading Houston.

St. Louis trailed 7-3 in the fourth, but Luis Alicea reached on a bunt single off Xavier Hernandez in the eighth and scored the tying run on Ray Lankford's double.

Doug Brocail (1-5), the Astros' fifth pitcher, walked Alicea leading off the 10th and Danny Sheaffer bunted into a fielder's choice. Roberto Mejia ran for Sheaffer and stole second, but was thrown out at the plate by left fielder James Mouton trying to score on Smith's single.

Smith took second on the throw, Lankford was intentionally walked and McGee singled to center. Smith slid home ahead of Brian Hunter's throw.

Expos 4, Giants 3 (11)

FP Santangelo's sacrifice fly and Lenny Webster's RBI single helped Montreal rally in the bottom of the 11th inning for its third straight win.

With Giants leading 3-2, Rod Beck (0-8) hit Mike Lansing leading off the 11th and Lansing took third on David Segui's single. Shane Andrews walked with two outs and Santangelo hit a shallow fly to left field. Lansing beat Barry Bonds' throw, sliding head-first around catcher Rick Wilkins. Webster then singled to left.

Barry Manuel (3-1) pitched one-third of an inning for the win.

Rockies 8, Pirates 3

Vinny Castilla, Walt Weiss, Dante Bichette and pitcher Kevin Ritz homered for visiting Colorado.

The Rockies scored as usual with homers and in a unique way as Andres Galarraga swung at what was supposed to be ball four of an intentional walk by Matt Ruebel in the eighth. A surprised Jeff King booted the ball at second for an error, allowing Weiss to score and leading to Bichette's three-run homer.

Colorado ended a four-game losing streak to stay on the fringe of the NL wild-card race, and Ritz (14-10) stopped his three-game losing streak.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
Atlanta	84	53	.613	–
Montreal	74	62	.544	9½
Florida	67	71	.486	17½
New York	61	77	.442	23½
Philadelphia	55	83	.399	29½
Central Division				
Houston	74	65	.532	–
St. Louis	73	65	.529	½
Chicago	68	68	.500	4½
Cincinnati	68	69	.496	5
Pittsburgh	57	80	.416	16
West Division				
San Diego	77	62	.554	–
Los Angeles	75	62	.547	1
Colorado	71	68	.511	6
S. Francisco	58	77	.430	17

MONDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Los Angeles 8, New York 5
St. Louis 8, Houston 7 (10)
Colorado 8, Pittsburgh 3
Montreal 4, S Francisco 3 (11)
Florida 4, Chicago 3
San Diego 5, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 6

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
New York	77	60	.562	–
Baltimore	73	64	.533	4
Boston	71	67	.514	6½
Toronto	63	75	.457	14½
Detroit	50	88	.362	27½
Central Division				
Cleveland	81	56	.591	–
Chicago	74	65	.532	8
Minnesota	69	69	.500	12½
Milwaukee	67	72	.482	15
Kansas City	64	75	.460	18
West Division				
Texas	77	60	.582	–
Seattle	71	66	.518	6
Oakland	66	74	.471	12½
California	63	75	.457	14½

MONDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Kansas City 2, Toronto 0
Detroit 8, Chicago 6
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Boston 9, Seattle 8 (10)
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Ivanisevic, Corretja head for quarters

NEW YORK (AP) – His thunderbolt-strong serves punctuating the match, fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic battered his way into the US Open quarter-finals yesterday.

The left-hander Croatian pounded out 20 aces in his 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6(7-2) victory over unseeded Andrei Medvedev of the Ukraine.

In another fourth-round match, Spain's Alex Corretja defeated Guy Forget of France 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(7-5). The victory earned the unseeded Corretja a spot in the quarter-finals against the winner of last night's match between top-seeded and defending champion Pete Sampras and hard-serving Australian Mark Philippoussis.

Ivanisevic, with one of the biggest serves in tennis, has reached the quarter-finals on the hardcourts of the National Tennis Center for the first time. He next will face the winner of a late match last night between Stefan Eberg, playing in his final Grand Slam tournament, and Britain's Tim Henman.

"I played very well," Ivanisevic said. "Every time I had a break point, I played a good point."

Although he hit only 48 percent of his first serves, Ivanisevic had only one double fault. Medvedev, on the other hand, had 12 aces and six double faults.

While he is known for his huge serve – several were clocked at 128 mph (206 kph) in yesterday's match – Ivanisevic also hits his groundstrokes with power. Against Medvedev, he hit them with, for Ivanisevic, a semblance of accuracy. The Croat finished with 51 winners and 51 unforced errors.

Last year's finalist Andre Agassi knows what's next for him. It's what he calls "big tennis."

"Big tennis is when you get two guys trying to establish their will out there on the court," Agassi said.

That's exactly what Agassi expects in his quarter-final matchup against third-seeded Thomas Muster.

"We both are going to be beating the ball pretty good for the baseline. You'll hear explosions off the racket four, five, six times a point," Agassi said. "That's big tennis."

Agassi, seeded sixth in the year's final Grand Slam tournament, grabbed a spot in the quarter-finals Monday by defeating fellow American David Wheaton 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4. Muster, a left-hander from Austria, advanced by downing No. 13 Thomas Enqvist of Sweden 7-6(7-4), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Muster is ranked No. 2 in the world, but was dropped to third in the US Open seedings by the US Tennis Association, exchanging places with Michael Chang. The USTA made several other changes, including boosting Agassi from No. 8 in the rankings to No. 6 in the seedings.

When Muster, a dominant force on clay courts, briefly took over the top rung in the rankings earlier this year, Agassi questioned how a player could be No. 1 if all of his top results came on a single surface. On Monday, Agassi said his statement was taken out of context.

"The guy worked hard for something he finally accomplished, and he probably felt like I was dissing him, and I wasn't," Agassi said.

Under questioning, Agassi refused to call his quarter-final meeting a sort of grudge match.

"Come on. We're in the quarter-finals of the US Open. We both have won big events before," he said. "We both want to do it again. That's what we're both going out there and trying to do. To make it anything more is a waste of time."

Agassi, attempting to become the first player to win the Olympic gold medal and the US Open men's singles in the same year, encountered very few problems against Wheaton, although he did drop the opening set.

'Mystery donor' makes a call on nat'l soccer team

ORI LEWIS

THE national soccer team was faced with an embarrassing situation yesterday after the Hebrew daily, *Ma'ariv* revealed that some of the players received a cash handout from an anonymous donor following their win over Bulgaria on Sunday.

The identity of the donor remained a mystery, with even the players saying they did not know from where the generous gift, said to be NIS 80,000, came.

Realizing their foolishness, the players involved – who were not named – stated through IFA Managing Director Ya'akov Erel that the money would be donated to charity.

Last night, Channel 1's Mabat program showed footage of the man, who was reportedly ushered into the dressing room with a woman and two children by team manager Avraham Bendori, apparently at the request of veteran captain Nir Klinger.

Bendori, coach Shlomo Scharf and his assistant, Yitzhak Shum refused to answer questions related to the matter.

IFA Chairman Azrikam Milchan and Erel said they viewed the incident as an extremely serious matter but they did not indicate that any disciplinary action would be taken.

In other news yesterday, Maccabi Tel Aviv, without several of its first-team players, beat Ironi Rishon Lezion 3-0 at Ramat Gan in one of the two Toto Cup matches held over from the weekend. In the other match, Maccabi Haifa and Hapoel Beit She'an played out a goalless draw at Kiryat Eliezer.

LaFontaine powers US past Russia in World Cup

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Pat LaFontaine, who sat out the World Cup opener with a slight groin injury, had a shorthanded goal and two assists as the US clinched first place in the North American pool by shutting down Russia 5-2 on Monday in the World Cup of Ice Hockey.

By finishing atop the North American pool, the US (2-0) earned a bye into the semifinals, where it will meet the winner of the quarter-final between Russia and Finland on Sunday at Ottawa. Sweden, first in the European pool, also has a bye into round two.

"My groin was a little sore, but the adrenaline got going and I felt good," said LaFontaine, a member of the 1984 US Olympic team and now a star with the NHL's Buffalo Sabres.

"There's a lot of pride in this room. All these guys are world-class competitors. Everybody's focused and we know the job is not yet finished. We've proven we can beat Canada and Russia, but the bottom line is winning it all."

The US was scheduled to complete the opening round against Slovakia last night at New York.

The US never trailed after LaFontaine set up a goal by Adam Deadmarsh of the Colorado Avalanche just 26 seconds into the game. LaFontaine carried the puck down the right wing and slid a cross-ice pass to Deadmarsh, who ripped a one-timer from the left faceoff circle past goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin of the Phoenix Coyotes.

The U.S. doubled its lead at 7:08 when LaFontaine assisted on a goal by John LeClair of the Philadelphia Flyers. LaFontaine's shot trickled through Khabibulin and was resting in the crease when LeClair one-handed it over the goal line as he went behind the net.

Mike Richter of the New York Rangers, playing on his home rink, finished with 32 saves, including nine in the first period. Russia's best chance during the first 20 minutes came when Sergei Nemchinov of the Rangers was left alone in front, but Alexander Mogilny could not handle the puck to set him up.

Keith Tkachuk of the Coyotes backhanded a loose puck into the net to make it 3-0 at 4:46 of the second period after Bill Guerin of the New Jersey Devils whistled a shot off the crossbar.

LaFontaine added a shorthanded goal just under five minutes later. Defenseman Chris Chelios of the Chicago Blackhawks stole the puck from Igor Larionov at the US blue line and sent LaFontaine up the right wing. He drove to the net and waited for Khabibulin to commit before sliding a backhander into a virtually open goal.

World Cup of Ice Hockey Standings

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
EUROPEAN DIVISION							
Sweden	3	3	0	0	14	3	6
Finland	3	2	0	1	17	11	4
Germany	3	1	0	2	11	15	2
Czech Republic	3	0	0	3	4	17	0
AMERICAN DIVISION							
US	2	2	0	0	10	5	4
Canada	3	2	0	1	11	10	4
Russia	3	1	0	2	12	14	2
Slovakia	2	0	0	2	7	9	0

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THE 1996/97 season opens tomorrow night with a recital no music lover can afford to miss. Daniel Barenboim, who spends most of his time these days conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Staatsoper Berlin, leaves the podium for one night for the sake of the piano he loves so much. Barenboim plays Schubert's G major piano sonata and the first book of *Preludes* by Debussy at the Jerusalem International Convention Center (8:30) as the opening recital of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Great Recitals in Jerusalem series. Not to be missed!



Conductor Daniel Barenboim temporarily leaves the podium to play the piano.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

ACTOR Doron Tavori is also a translator and a fan of the late French playwright Bernard Marie Koltes. He's Abad, a homeless derelict, in the Beersheba Theater production of Koltes's *Quai Ouest* ("The Western Pier"), which Tavori translated.

It's the story of a failed banker (Gedalia Besser) who goes to the deserted pier to kill himself, but a bunch of down-and-outers teach him some strange lessons about life.

The play is the swan-song for director and BT artistic director Gadi Roll who will leave the theater when his contract expires in October. The premiere is tonight at the Beersheba *Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)*

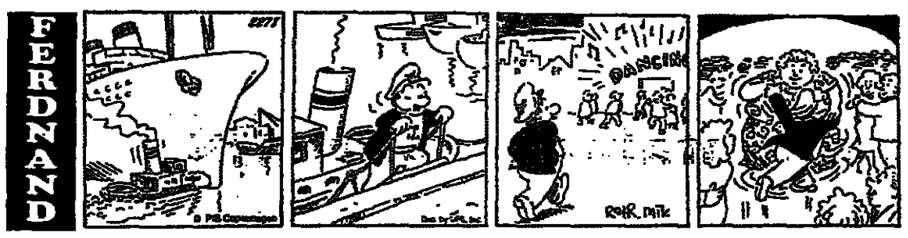
FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ **THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** – Stephen Elliot's film is a delightful chronicle of a gay Sydney cabaret act's journey across the Australian wilderness. Appropriately enough for a picture about cross-dressing, *Priscilla* derives its wacky ebullience from the seeming opposites it dares combine. The film blends the chance happenings and wide-open freedom of a road movie with the choreographed urban exuberance of a musical revue. It also mixes giddy slapstick with deeper feeling, parody with pain. As the dignified transsexual Bernice, Terence Stamp manages to endow impending seediness with a kind of aristocratic grace. He also looks good in lipstick. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

★★★ **HEAVEN'S PRISONERS** – In Phil Joanou's moody thriller, Alec Baldwin plays a former New Orleans cop who finds himself back in action when he and his long-legged, sympathetic wife (Kelly Lynch) witness the crash of a plane in the bay near their home. They pull a little girl, the only survivor, from the wreckage and decide to call her their own, a move which leads, rather inevitably, to a string of mysterious, violent occurrences.

While there is a certain strained suspension of disbelief involved in a plot like this one, which requires of the hero that he both exude wry intelligence and act quite foolishly, strutting headlong into all sorts of life-threatening situations, Baldwin makes it all come alive and seem thoroughly plausible. In his hands, the illogic of a *script becomes the irrationality of a character* – a far more compelling prospect. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly advised.)



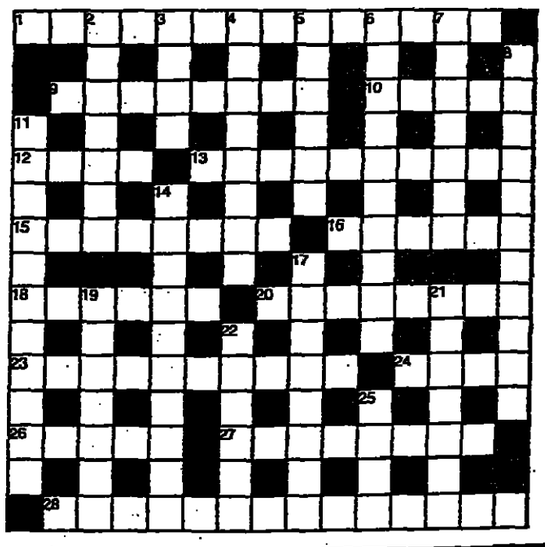
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12 Provide a footpath for quiet residential street (4)
13 Organiser of the entertainment I saw in Paris and Rome (10)
15 Name some sort of *site for industrious builders* (8)
16 If Buddhist leader returns he will arrive at Italian resort (6)
18 Fur which I hesitate to say belongs to me (6)
20 Girl employed to cut *everything* back (8)
23 Firmly established in chairs a long way down (10)
24 Peas squashed into a recess (4)
26 Some of the decor Gilda chose for the dog (5)
27 Lacy one all made by the ordinary folk (8)
28 Changing the form by cutting corners (14)

DOWN

2 He changes but doesn't start to go round! (7)
3 That means about 550 are not working (4)
4 Made off when temporary accommodation was put into action (8)
5 Polishing might result in a shine (6)
6 Measure the window for packing in a crate (10)
7 In the middle of the action the French came *right back* after American money (7)
8 Excitation leads to a bad end when too much alcohol flows (11)
11 Noticed that a man was making the pudding (7,4)
14 Instrument about which young lady came back very quietly (10)
17 Being more of a glutton, some agreed, I erred (8)
19 Tennis player gave many an annoying encore! (7)
21 Ill after the circuit I made on tiny bits of lava (7)
22 Competent, in a perverse way, at making charts (6)
25 Say thank you to Elsie for the powder (4)



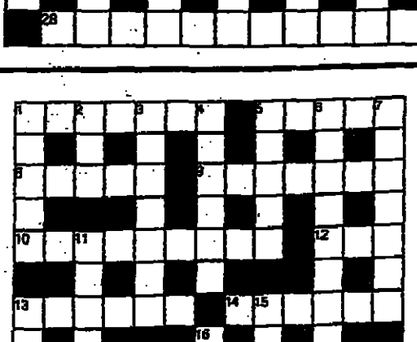
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Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Sheikh, 4 Hands, 8 Caper, 9 Inertia, 10 Opossum, 11 Chic, 12 Ape, 14 Stun, 15 Nice, 18 End, 21 Aims, 23 Atelier, 25 Roswell, 26 Biped, 27 Exist, 28 Nemron.

DOWN: 1 Sector, 2 Exploit, 3 Kerosene, 4 Heel, 5 Notch, 6 Scarce, 7 Sigma, 13 Ensemble, 16 Clipper, 17 Rabbie, 19 Daily, 20 Dryden, 22 Masai, 24 Jest.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Agreement (7)
5 Classes (5)
8 Extent (5)
9 Woodworkers (7)
10 Usual (9)
12 Notice (3)
13 Wanders (6)
14 Talking bird (6)
17 Weapon (3)
18 Very surprised (9)
20 Follower of John Wycliffe (7)
21 Outflowing (5)
23 Wicked city (5)
24 Sweetened (7)

DOWN

1 Abdominal pain (5)
2 Indian tree (3)
3 Energy dissipation (7)
4 Italian (6)
5 Very noisy (5)
6 Valued greatly (9)
7 Doubtful (7)
11 Cooked eggs (9)
13 Quarters for horses (7)
15 Funny (7)
16 Musical exercises (6)
18 Panic (5)
19 Trepidation (5)
22 A title (3)

TELEVISION

■ **CHANNEL 1**

6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ **EDUCATIONAL TV**

8:00 A Glimpse of History 8:30 On Second Thought 9:00 Social Studies 9:15 Communications 9:30 English 9:45 Programs for Young Children 10:05 The Generous Tree 10:15 A hundred years of Zionism 11:15 Geography 11:25 Basic Geography 11:40 Judaism 12:05 Music 12:35 Science and Technology 13:00 Onedin Line 14:00 Hello, Grade One 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gili 15:00 Animals

■ **CHANNEL 1**

15:30 Tom and Jerry 15:50 The Adventures of Dodo 16:00 Heartbreak High 16:45 Yalidudas 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Masterminds 18:00 The Adventures of Dodo 18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Four Seasons 19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:31 Partners 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 *Conference Call* 21:55 *Edward* VIII - The Traitor King 22:15 American Gothic – Suspense series 23:00 As Time Goes By 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

■ **CHANNEL 2**

13:00 Top Cat 13:30 Itz and Mitz 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Street Wise 15:00 Halfway Across the Galaxy 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 Sport Magazine for *Youth* 18:00 *Senora* 19:00 *The Crew* 19:25 Working Girl 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:30 Chicago Hope 22:30 Back to Front – Hebrew drama series 23:15 New York Under Cover 00:00 News 00:05 New York Under Cover continued 00:30 Thunderbolt and Lightfoot (1974) – A bank robber, on the run from former associates who believe that he has absconded with *their share of the loot, is befriended by* a young man. Starring Clint Eastwood. 2:11 Neighborhood Girl (1974) – Israeli film about a girl orphaned and blinded by an accident, whose friends steal for her so that she can have an operation. After her sight is restored, she blossoms and becomes a famous singer.

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TELEVISION

■ **JORDAN TV**
(unconfirmed)

15:05 Iris the Happy Professor 15:20 The Flintstones 15:45 The New Three Stooges 15:50 The Adventurers 16:10 Kelly 16:30 Earth Revealed 17:00 French Programs 19:30 News Headlines 19:35 Evening Shade 20:00 Superstars of Action 20:30 Chancer (drama) 21:10 Hunter (police drama) 22:00 News in English 22:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 23:15 Bugs (detective)

■ **MIDDLE EAST TV**

8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Breakfast in Hollywood – A radio talk show changes the lives of a quarrelling couple. Starring Tom Breneman and Bonita Grenville 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Diplodo 17:45 Word Inc.18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight 20:00 CNN 20:30 Coach 20:55 Earth 2 21:45 Sea Quest 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

CABLE

■ **ITV 3 (33)**

16:00 Cartoons 16:30 The Harem 17:15 Discussion in Arabic 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Documentary in Russian – Beethoven's Ninth Symphony 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Nostalgia 21:15 *The Lido Girls 23:00 Baryshnikov*

■ **ETV 2 (23)**

15:30 Butterfly Island 16:00 Pillar of Fire 17:00Homeland 17:35 World of Wonder 18:00 Welcome to France 18:30 Communicating with children 19:00 Faces of Culture 19:30 All in the Family – repeat of popular local comedy series with Russian subtitles 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Star Trek – The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00Zombi 22:30 Mozart on Tour 23:15 Jazz at the end of the summer

■ *FAMILY CHANNEL (3)*

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Sweet Justice 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Silk Stalkings 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Models Inc.1:15 Hill Street Blues

■ **MOVIE CHANNEL (4)**

11:00 Storia de Raggaze (1991, Italian) – the son of a bourgeois family falls in love with a Tuscan farm girl, and their families find that they have more in common than they thought (rpt) 13:00 The Last of the Red Hot Lovers (1972) – A middle-aged man turns his mother's *flat into a love-nest, but finds that* seducing three women is harder than it seems. With Alan Arkin. Directed by Gene Saks (97 mins.) 14:40 Seeing Stars 15:30 Hijacked: Flight 285 (1996) (rpt) 17:05 Short Circuit (1986) – a sophisticated robot comes alive and refuses to return to the weapons factory where he was created (rpt) 18:45 Trapped and Deceived (1994) – a Starring Ofra Haza. 3:45 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ **CHANNEL 5**

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 B. Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16. Tel Aviv Basketball Tournament 18:00 *Futbol Americas* 19:00 *Tel Aviv* Basketball Tournament – third place playoff 21:00Tel Aviv Basketball *Tournament – finals* 23:00 New American Soccer League 00:00 Boxing

■ **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Mountain Bikes: French Championships (rpt) 10:00 Extreme *Games* 11:00 *Car Racing: Indycar* Canada (rpt) 12:30 Four Wheeled Vehicles: Iceland Rally (rpt) 13:00 Soccer: World Cup heats 14:00 Mountain Bikes: World Cup, Norway 14:30 Mountain Bikes: French Championships (rpt) 15:00 Extreme Games 16:00 Water Skiing: Pro tour, US 16:30 Showjumping 17:30 Soccer: World Cup heats 18:30 Motor Sports Magazine 20:30 Formula 1 Magazine 21:00 Extreme Games – finals 22:00 Boxing: South African youth championship 23:00 Soccer: World Cup heats *round-up* 1:00 *Mountain Bikes: French* Championships 1:30 ATP Tennis 2:00 Pro Wrestling

■ **PRIME SPORTS**

6:00 Motorcycle Racing: World Championships – round-up 7:30 WWF Action Zone 10:30 Tennis: US Open at Flushing Meadow (rpt) 19:00 Tennis: US Open at Flushing Meadow, men's and women's quarter-finals – live 1:00 Motorcycle Racing: World Championships – round-up 2:30 *Tennis: US Open at Flushing Meadow* – live

■ **BBC WORLD**

News on the hour 6:05 50 Years of Heathrow 10:05 Horizon (rpt) 11:30 The Travel Show (rpt) 12:30 Building Sights 15:15 Panorama (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 Airport (rpt) 18:05 50 Years of Heathrow (rpt) 19:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld (rpt) 20:00 World Report 22:05 White Heat 23:30 Raymond's Blanc Mange – cooking 00:00 World Business Report

■ *CNN INTERNATIONAL*

News throughout the day 7:30 Inside Politics *8:30 Moneyline* (rpt) 9:30 World Sports 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 World Report 19:30 Q&A 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World News 22:00 Larry King (rpt) 23:00 European News 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News

■ **SKY NEWS**

News on the hour 6:30 CBS ...ing 7:30 ABC World News 11:3...mit-Destinations 2:30 ABC N... 13:00 Wor... has always been 15:30 CBS ...een the ideologues Sky Destinations. Last night, 20:30 Tonigh...tists. Sportsline declared that, at least CBS Evenin...

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CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE The Starmaker 5, 9:30 ★ *Priscilla* 7:15 ★*The House Where Cockroaches Live to a Ripe Old Age* 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 The Eraser 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Heaven's Prisoners 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ To Die For●Crying Freeman 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Babysitters 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Cutthroat Island 4:30, 7:15 ★ Mission Impossible 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Babe *(English dialogue)* 7:15 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialogue)* 4:30
JERUSALEM THEATER 20 Marcus St. ☎ 617167 Cold Comfort Farm 7, 9:30 ★ The Brothers McMullen 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7**☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Striptease 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Independence Day 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ Four Rooms●Things To Do In *Denver* 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ *The Rock* 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Phenomenon 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(English dialogue)* 7:30 **SEMADAR** ☎ 618168 Trainspotting 10 ★ Cold Comfort Farm 8 ★ Antonia's Line 6 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** The Rock 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Il Postino 7:15, 9:45 ★ Legend of the Wild 4:45
TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF ☎ 5172923 The Brothers McMullen *11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:45, 10* ★ Leaving Las Vegas 11 a.m., 3, 7:45 ★ White Squall 1, 5, 10 **DRIVE IN** The Birdcage 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight **GAN HA'IR** ☎ 5279215 71 Ibn Gabirol St. Priscilla 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 Phenomenon 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GORDON** Eat, Drink, Man, Woman 5:30, 7:45, 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Mission Impossible●To Die For 7:30, 10 ★ Babysitters 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialogue)* ●Legends of the Wild 5 ★ Heaven's Prisoners 4:30, 7:15, 10 **LEV 1-4** ☎ 5288288 Trainspotting 12:15, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ Antonia's Line 2, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ The Secret of Roan Inish 12 noon ★ Cold Comfort Farm 12, 2, 5, 7:45, 10 **G.G. PE'ER** Mission Impossible●The Eraser 5, 7:30, 10 ★ To Die For 7:30, 10 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ Heaven's Prisoners 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV-CHEN**☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Independence Day 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ The Rock 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(English dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Now and Then 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Stolen Hearts 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Striptease 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Striptease●Il Postino●Things To Do In Denver●Star Man●Four Room 5, 7:30, 9:45 **G.G. TAYELET 1-3** ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. Sense and Sensibility 7:15, 10 ★ The Birdcage ● Fargo 7:30, 10 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. The Eraser ● Crying Freeman ● Mission Impossible 5, 7:30, 10 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Flirt 6, 10 ★ Nelly et M. Arnaud 4, 8
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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Flirt 9:15 ★ Il Postino 9:15 **ATZMON 1-5** ☎ 8673003 The Eraser ● Crying Freeman ● The Birdcage 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Sense and Sensibility 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ American Quilt 4:30, 7, 9:15 **CINEMA CAFE MORIAH** ☎ 8242477 *Trainspotting* 9:30 ★ Cold Comfort Farm 7:30 **GLOBECITY - ORI** Mission Impossible●To Die For 7:15, 9:45 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialogue)*●Legend of the Wild 4:45 ★ Heaven's Prisoners 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Eraser 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 **ORLY**☎ 8381868 Things To Do In Denver 7, 9:15 **PANORAMA 1-3** ☎ 8382020 Mission Impossible 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Priscilla 9:30 ★ *The Brothers McMullen* 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Independence Day 4, 6:45, 9:30 ★ Striptease 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Independence Day 11 a.m., 4, 6:45, 9:45 ★ Four Rooms 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(English dialogue)* 7:15 ★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ The Rock 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Stolen Hearts 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Things To Do In Denver 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Phenomenon ● Four Rooms 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ The Rock 4:15, 7, 9:30
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STAR ☎ 9950904 Independence Day 7, 9:45 ★ Mission Impossible 7:15, 9:45 ★ Crying Freeman 7:30, 9:45
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G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 The Eraser●Trainspotting 7:30, 10 ★ Swan Princess●It Takes Two 5 ★ The Rock●Heaven's Prisoners 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Independence Day 4:30, 7:15, 10 **G.G. ORI 1-3**☎ 711223 The Hunchback of Notre Dame *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ Mission Impossible●Striptease 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Crying Freeman 7:30, 10
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G.G. GIL 6440771 The Eraser●Mission Impossible 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Heaven's Prisoners 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Crying Freeman 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎ 235278 Independence Day 4, 7, 9:45 ★ The Rock 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Things To Do In Denver●Striptease 5, 7:30, 9:45
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LEV 1-4 ☎343555 Independence Day 5, 7:15, 10 ★ Trainspotting 10 ★ It Takes Two 5, 7:45 ★ Striptease 7:45, 10 ★ Babe *(Hebrew dialogue)*●The Hunchback of Notre Dame 5 ★ The Eraser 7:45 ★ The Rock 10
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G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 The Eraser●Crying Freeman 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Mission Impossible 7, 9:30 ★ Little Princess 4:45 ★ Cutthroat Island ● Babe *(Hebrew dialogue)* ● Legends of the Wild ● Flipper ● Babysitters 4:45 ★ Heaven's Prisoners ● The Birdcage ● Trainspotting ● *To Die* For 7, 9:30 ★ The Rock 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Cold Comfort Farm 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Primal Fear 7, 9:30
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G.G. GIL ☎ 6905080 Independence Day 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Fargo 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Heaven's Prisoners 4:30, 7:15, 10
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UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎ 561332 Crying Freeman ●

rebellious girl sent to a psychiatric institution discovers corruption involving the head of the institution (rpt) 20:20 *Lethal Error* (1990) – when Elizabeth's son is accused of murder, she takes the law into her own hands to find the real killer and clear her son's name (88 mins.) 22:00 Antonia and Jane (1991)23:15 Le Corps de Mon Enemi (1976, French) – Jean-Paul Belmondo is a nightclub owner sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. When he gets out, he vows revenge on his enemies (115 mins.) 1:15 *A Climate For Killing* (1990) – a small-town cop has difficulty coping with a visitor from the city who has come to check on his work and is having an affair with his daughter (rpt) 3:00 Pay Off (1991) – a former cop seeks revenge on the mafioso who killed his parents (rpt)

■ **CHILDREN (6)**

6:30 Cartoons 9:05 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol 9:30 VR Troopers 9:55 *Little University – In the Past* 10:30 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper 10:55 Saved by the Bell 11:15 Rocko's Modern Life 11:35 Max Glick 12:00 Chiquititas 12:45 The Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 Little Dracula 14:05 Blinky Bill 14:35 Simba King of the *Jungle* 15:00 VR Troopers 15:25 *Little* University – Inventors 16:00 Welcome Freshmen 16:25 Saved by the Bell 16:45 Rocko's Modern Life 17:00 Lucifer 17:30 Chiquititas 18:15 Popcornia 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 19:00 Legend of the North Wind 19:30 *Three's Company* 20:00 *Married with* Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jack 21:30 Whose Line Is This Anyway?

■ **SECOND SHOWING (6)**

22:00 Zentropa (1991, German) – An American of German descent arrives in post-war Germany where he meets the daughter of a railroad magnate, who persuades him to join a group of Nazi sympathizers planning an attack on *American soldiers. With Barbara* Sukowa, Jean-Marc Barr and Max von Sydow. Directed by Lars von Trier (107 mins.) –23:50 Traffic (1970, French) – M. Hulot attempts to transport a new car from Paris to an Amsterdam car show, but gets into difficulties on the way. Starring and directed by Jacques Tati (92 mins.)

■ **DISCOVERY (8)** 6:00 Open University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 13:00 Messengers from Moscow (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 17:00 Messengers from Moscow (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 The Wild South 21:00 *Cousteau* 22:05 The Secret of Inner Joy 23:30 The Wild South (rpt)

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6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street Morning Report 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Portraits of the Century 20:00 Europe 2000 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 PGA Golf 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

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EVELYN GORDON

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[illegible]sset was discussing [illegible]as for the agenda on [illegible] – filed by Labor, Likud [illegible]tional Religious Party – [illegible]l session. In a rare [illegible]rties except the hared[illegible] to adopt the govern[illegible]onse to these motions, [illegible]ggestion of Deputy [illegible]hevah Weiss (Labor).

[illegible]esponse, delivered by Justice Minister Tzahi [illegible] consisted mainly of a [illegible]l adopted by the cabinet [illegible]y.

[illegible]vernment condemns the [illegible]d threats against the [illegible]Court and its president in [illegible] weeks," the resolution said. "[illegible] is a danger that these [illegible]ld undermine the faith [illegible]blic, or part of it, in the [illegible]diciary as a whole, and in the S[illegible]reme Court in particular. The in[illegible]pendence of the judiciary, and [illegible]e Supreme Court which heads it, [illegible]d the public's faith in them are [illegible]ndamental to the rule of law and the preservation of a democratic regime in Israel."

The court has criticized the authorities' decisions since it was established, and its decisions have at [illegible]e aroused the outrage of various groups – but it has "always succ[illegible]ded in acting with wisdom and [illegible]rage to enforce the rule of law a[illegible]protect human rights," the resolution continued. And even if one segment of the public disagrees with a particular ruling, that ruling must still be obeyed, since this is the essence of the rule of law, it added.

"The Supreme Court's rulings are, of course, open to substantive public criticism, but one cannot substitute personal attacks, [illegible]mpanied by the shadow of a [illegible] for such criticism," it conse[illegible] noting that such attacks the [illegible]ble to damage the independence of the judiciary, and his t[illegible]e of the judiciary, and She[illegible] the entire democratic live u[illegible]. The government theremer st[illegible]calls on the entire public to overcome [illegible]ations thr[illegible] obey the law and the court's rulings, to conduct a serious discussion of public issues, and to refrain from attacks and threats on the Supreme Court and its justices."

Even the NRP's representative, Knesset Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom, sided with the government against the haredim. There is no justification for personal attacks against Barak, Yahalom said, however wrong his legal philosophy might be. But even worse, he added, is the haredi papers' wholesale delegitimization of the court.

However, Yahalom joined the haredim's criticism of the court's activism, saying it interfered in many matters – such as the religious status quo – which should be left to the Knesset.

The debate was periodically punctured by angry jibes from MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism), such as: "It's okay for the secular [to criticize the court], but not for the religious – that's the only difference."

However, Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (UTJ) eloquently defended his party's position later in the session.

"This is not an argument over whether the country should be run according to Halacha or according to [Israeli] law," Ravitz said. "The debate is between democracy as expressed by the people's elected representatives, and the High Court of Justice... We believe these things [i.e. church-state issues] need to be discussed here, in the Knesset, rather than by the court."

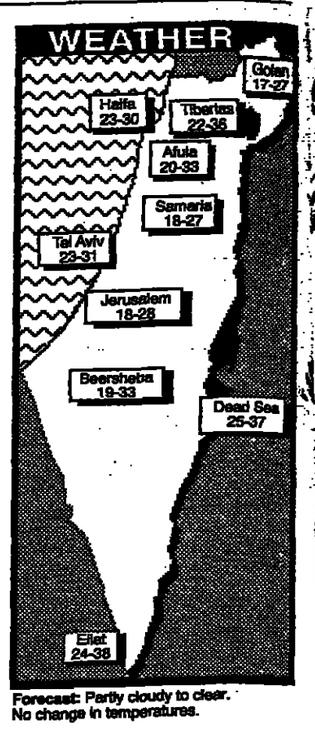
Ravitz then quoted one of Barak's own verdicts: "We are commanded as judges to give expression not to our own opinions, but to what appear to be the views of the public. This means the enlightened and progressive portion of the public."

This is precisely what is wrong with Barak, Ravitz said: That he sets himself as the judge of which part of the public is "enlightened" and ignores the remainder – including all religious Jews.

"This is a quotation which shoves 1.5 million citizens aside," he said afterward.



The "This is Brazil" dance group warms up yesterday as a prelude to next month's Wine Festival in Rishon Lezion. (IPPA)



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. No change in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

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Copenhagen	10	50	18	64	cloudy
Frankfurt	11	52	21	70	clear
Geneva	11	52	19	66	pcloudy
Helsinki	09	48	22	72	clear
Hong Kong	28	79	30	86	rain
Joburg	05	41	24	75	clear
Lisbon	18	64	29	84	clear
London	15	59	21	70	pcloudy
Los Angeles	19	66	29	84	clear
Madrid	13	55	28	82	rain
Montreal	15	59	28	82	clear

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the ace of spades, the jack of hearts, the eight of diamonds, and the jack of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 4, 24, 33, 39, 44 and 47 and the additional number was 36.

Army warns settlers: Submit firearm permit requests or risk confiscation

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

SOME 30 percent of settlers holding army-issued weapons in Judea and Samaria have still not submitted requests to keep their firearms and have until mid-September to do so or risk having the weapon confiscated, military sources said.

The army said those people found to have criminal records or to have undergone psychiatric help may risk losing their permit.

The reevaluation of the gun permits was ordered following the commission of inquiry into the 1994 massacre of 29 Moslem worshipers at Machpela Cave by Kiryat Arba resident Baruch Goldstein. Goldstein, a major in the reserves, used an IDF-issued weapon.

Military sources in the Central Command said they view the 70% response to the request as a success, but warned that the army will take away the weapons held by the rest if they do not submit a request by mid-September.

Requests now mirror those for obtaining a civilian gun license, consisting of a review of one's military, police and psychiatric records.

Military sources said that the army had actually eased the criteria to keep a weapon. For example, instead of bringing a permit signed by a doctor, a person only has to sign a waiver agreeing to have their medical records evaluated to see if they had undergone psychiatric treatment. Also, anyone above the rank of major only needed to have their commanding officer approve their permit.

Those who will be allowed to continue holding the weapons will be given a new permit issued on a magnetic card.

In addition to the gun permits, the army has also reviewed arsenals in settlements. Some were found to have more weapons than residents and the surplus was taken back to military armories.

Hanegbi maintains agreement on Hebron will allow Jewish community to expand

EVELYN GORDON

THE government will not accept any agreement on Hebron that does not grant the Jewish community there the right to expand, Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi told the Knesset yesterday.

Hanegbi was responding for the government to a motion for the agenda on Hebron during a special Knesset session. Haim Oron (Meretz), who submitted the motion, argued that the government had no right not to withdraw from the city, because this was part of a signed agreement.

Hanegbi responded that the government was negotiating changes to this agreement with the Palestinian Authority, and would not redeploy unless amendments to the original agreement were made.

"If the government is not convinced that any agreement on Hebron preserves these two values – protecting the lives of the residents of Hebron and Kiryat Arba, and enabling these two settlements to develop and expand – we will not be able to reach an agreement," he said.

Hanegbi stressed that Hebron was different from the other major cities of Judea and Samaria – not only because of the presence of a Jewish community there now, but also because there was a Jewish presence there for most of the last 2,000 years, until the Arabs massacred the Jewish residents in 1929, and because of the special religious significance of the city.

"Hebron is not, and will not be, like Jenin or Tulkarm," he said.

"How is Hebron different from Bethlehem [which the IDF has already left]?" interrupted MK Haim Ramon (Labor).

"Bethlehem was a terrible mistake," shot back Zvi Hendel (National Religious Party).

Hanegbi said that even the Labor government postponed the withdrawal from Hebron before the elections because it realized the agreement as signed was a disaster.

Jon Immanuel adds:

Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan visited Hebron yesterday and was well received when he told settlers that "this government won't withdraw from Hebron... I do not think that the prime minister will make concessions under threats and under ultimatums and he won't do it without them either."

In the streets near the Jewish Quarter, Palestinians looked askance at the talks over Hebron's future. Riyad Al Hadad said, "There is no difference between Netanyahu and Arafat. That is what Hamas says and Hamas is stronger here. He will agree to what the Israelis say. Who is Arafat anyway? He has an Egyptian father and a Jewish mother."

"Whatever agreement they reach we will still be under Israeli rule," noted Jamal, who sells falafel, and supports Arafat. "It is true Arafat is not so popular here but that would change if he visited Hebron."

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High Court: MKs Boim, Re'em must quit their jobs as mayors

EVELYN GORDON

TWO MKs must immediately vacate their posts as mayors, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday, in a decision which will affect some 12 other MKs as well.

The ruling was in response to two petitions by members of the Kiryat Ata and Kiryat Gat local councils, both of which argued that according to a new law, their respective mayors – Likud MKs David Re'em and Ze'ev Boim – should have resigned immediately upon being elected to the Knesset. Re'em and Boim, basing themselves on another paragraph of the same law, argued that they were obliged to give up their mayoralties only six months after the Knesset elections.

Justices Aharon Barak, Shlomo Levine and Dalia Dorner agreed that there was a clear contradiction between the two paragraphs. One paragraph stated that MKs must give up their positions in any public organization immediately upon entering the Knesset; the other said MKs cannot hold any outside job, but this rule will not apply during the first six months of an MK's Knesset term. The justices decided, however, that the first paragraph should take precedence.

The paragraph which included the six-month grace period was a general one, they explained, meant to help MKs with private-sector jobs or businesses which cannot be abandoned overnight. The section regarding MKs with positions in a public organization, in contrast, was aimed at the specific case of MKs with public-sector jobs – which can be abandoned immediately, because there are statutory mechanisms for replacing the occupants. Therefore, the specific rule should supersede the general one, the justices said.

The ruling will affect some dozen other MKs who hold public positions, including mayors, city councilmen and Histadrut officials.

Both Re'em and Boim said they would abide by the court's decision, and stressed that the case had resulted from a genuine legal confusion which required the court's clarification. However, Boim added, the forced resignation of mayors creates another kind of constitutional problem, since mayors are normally popularly elected – but mayors who resign are replaced by a vote of the city council.

"The Knesset never considered the question of what happens when a mayor resigns mid-term," he said. "There's room for amending the law [to provide for new elections in such a case], and I intend to submit such an amendment."

Boim added that while he had fought for the extra six months due to particular internal problems on his own local council, he agreed with the High Court's ruling in principle, because the mayoralty and membership in the Knesset were both jobs which required the occupant's full-time dedication.

"In principle, the idea of forbidding dual office-holding is correct," he said.

State counters Beduin claims

EVELYN GORDON

THE alternate site which the army is offering the Jahalin Beduin tribe is not in Area B, but in Area C, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

It was responding to a petition by a member of the tribe against the tribe's impending eviction from the site near Ma'aleh Adumim which it has illegally occupied for years. In May, the High Court upheld the eviction, but gave the tribe a three-month grace period. The expiration of this grace period last week prompted the present petition, which the court is to hear this morning.

The petition claimed that the alternate site offered by the army is in Area B, where the Palestinian Authority is responsible for civilian affairs, whereas the tribe currently resides in Area C, where Israel has complete control. The petition argued that the army has no right to transfer anyone from Area C to Area B without the PA's consent, and accused the government of "ethnic cleansing."

In response, the state said the alternate site was at one time in Area B, but adjustments in the Oslo maps, made together with the PA in January, resulted in the fact that the site is now in Area C. This was made clear to the tribe and its attorney many times, the response said.

The petition had based its charge on a document stating that approval would be needed from the Joint Israeli-Palestinian Water Committee (JWC) to set up a water system at the new site. This would not be necessary in Area C, the petition argued. However, the state responded, the Oslo Accords stipulate that the JWC is in charge of water for all of Judea and Samaria, including Area C.

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